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THE WAR.

PATROL FIGHT.

15 BOERS KILLED.

Cape Town, May 25.—A despatch from Kenhart reports that on the 23rd a patrol returning here was attacked by a commando of Boers. The enemy, however, were driven off, losing 15 killed and 17 wounded.—Reuter.

ESCAPED BOERS RECAPTURED.

Pretoria, May 24.—A number of the surrendered burghers who escaped from Pretoria have been recaptured near Breitfontein. One of the men was formerly employed in the Natal Bank. The men are said to be responsible for the recent theft of horses from the Remount Depot.—Central News.

CAPT. BOTTOMLEY'S CLEVER TACTICS.

PLAYING THE BOERS' OWN GAME.

Standerton, May 24.—The ruse so successfully carried out at Amersfoort was the work of a detachment of Queenslanders under the command of Capt. Bottomley. They successfully beat the Boers at their own game. Capt. Bottomley and his men entered the town before daybreak and found the place deserted. An ambush was at once arranged, Capt. Bottomley sending the bulk of his force away while the others lay concealed. Later on, the Boers, as was expected, returned. The party consisted of Commandant Joubert, a magistrate, and an escort of half a dozen troopers. As soon as they had got well within our ambush they were called upon to surrender. They pluckily refused, turned round, and attempted to gallop off. Our men immediately opened fire. The magistrate was shot down with bullets through his head and stomach, and Commandant Joubert was shot through the arm. The other Boers escaped. Every attention was paid to the two wounded prisoners, but the magistrate's wounds will probably prove to be mortal. Commandant Joubert's wound is serious. As it was evident that the Boers who had got away would bring back reinforcements Capt. Bottomley withdrew upon his main body, taking his prisoners and a number of captured horses with him.—Central News.

BRITISH ATTACKED IN CAPE COLONY.

Cape Town, May 24.—Two hundred Boers have attacked a patrol of Cape Mounted Rifles near Bangor, but retired on the arrival of reinforcements. The British loss was six wounded.—Reuter.

TO CORRAL LOUIS BOTHA'S FORCES.

Rapid progress is being made with the combined movement, under the direction of Sir Bindon Blood, with the object of coralling the forces under Louis Botha in the north-eastern corner of the Transvaal. On Wednesday (says "The Standard's" correspondent) the column on the left flank was near Hlomohion, while the right was north of Ermelo. Only 40 of the enemy succeeded in getting through. Thirty succeeded in reaching Ermelo.

VILJOEN DRIVEN BACK.

Gen. Viljoen has reached a point between Bethel and Ermelo, and Field-Cornet Viljoen, with a considerable commando made up of Boers, has broken into the hills at the back of Carolusberg. On the approach of the flanking column he attempted to cross the railway with the object of joining the De Beers' commando near Sabi, but was driven back with loss.

CONFUSION OF THE ENEMY.

The Boers in the Eastern Transvaal have entirely belied their reputation for showing fight, and have trekked in confusion, breaking up into small parties. Owing to the contradictory reports it is impossible to state with certainty the whereabouts of the Boer Government, but it seems to have escaped in the direction of Piet Retief. The country is mountainous and abounds in kloofs. If the Boer families and cattle succeed in escaping notice in these during the winter, which has now commenced, they will come out again in the warm weather. Every effort, therefore, will be made by Gen. Bruce's columns to hunt this unsatisfactory enemy.

HEAVY CLAIM AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN.

New York, May 25.—The Washington correspondent of "The New York Times" states that Mr. J. G. Blaine has acquired an interest in the claim by an American engineer named Brown against the Transvaal, and afterwards against Great Britain, for concessions amounting to between two and three million dollars for deprivation of mining lands by Mr. Kruger.—Reuter.

RAND MINERS DISCONTENTED

Considerable dissatisfaction is felt among the Mine Guards because work has been resumed at the mines before their corps have been disbanded. The men who have served in the field and have obtained their discharge are also discontented, the source of their complaint (says "The Post's" correspondent) being the pay, limited to 5s a day, a sum for which they refuse to work.

"THE" BOER GOVERNMENT.

According to reports, the so-called Boer Government now consists of Mr. Schalk Burger and Mr. Reitz. The former has apparently established himself at Amsterdam.

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

The transport Clyde sailed from the Royal Albert Docks yesterday for Gibraltar and Malta with nine officers and 33 non-coms. and men of the 1st Royal Garrison Regt. and other details chiefly of the 2nd Royal Garrison Regt. Two of the men were on the married strength and took their wives and children with them.

The P. and O. s.s. Bombay arrived at the Royal Albert Docks yesterday with three officers and 33 men invalided home from China.

WAR ITEMS.

Lord Kitchener has returned to Pretoria.—Reuter.

Three hundred Boer prisoners sailed on Friday from Durban on board the Hawarden Castle, en route for Bermuda.—Reuter.

Sir Savile Crossley, Bart., M.P., who is Lieut.-col. of the 71st Sharpshooters' Company of Imperial Yeomanry, received a warm welcome yesterday on his return from S. Africa to his country seat, Somerleyton Hall, Lowestoft. Sir Savile, who was met by his tenantry, in reply to an address, said he was only home on Parliamentary leave. The war was not yet over, and he expected to leave England after the House rose to have "another turn at the Boers."

LATEST CASUALTIES.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Enteric unless otherwise stated.

3rd Welsh Regt.: 612 Pte J F Davis, Vryburg, May 21. 3rd Grenadier Guards: 7949 Lance-corpl H Jessop, Norvals Pont, May 23. R.A.M.C.: 13807 Pte Walter Challis, dysentery, Naauwpoort, May 22. 33rd Co. A.S.C.: 13571 Sergt A Aldridge, dysentery, Bloemfontein, May 22. 12th Co. W. Div. R.G.A.: 72979 Sergt E Ashworth, Pretoria, May 22. 6th Middlesex Regt.: 9231 Pte W Grant, Pretoria, May 22. 6th Dragoon Guards: 3193 Sergt F J Chapman, Germiston, May 22. A.S.C.: 13023 Dr R Venton, abscess liver, Potchefstroom, May 22. 6th Lancashire Fusiliers: 6321 Lance-corpl Grimwood, Carnarvon, May 23. 2nd Berks Regt.: 2305 Sergt J Holland, Norvals Pont, May 23. 12th Hussars: 4299 Pte F Trow, Heidelberg, May 23. Imperial Light Horse: 189 Corpl Edward Costello, Germiston, May 23. 5th King's Royal Rifle Corps: 1538 Pte Patrick Reilly, Germiston, May 23. 2nd Gordon Highlanders: 6338 Pte England, peritonitis, Elandsberg, May 23. 10th L. Div. R.G.A.: 2852 Pte L Fellows, rheumatic fever, Christetown, May 23.

DEATHS FROM DISEASE.

Enteric where not otherwise stated.

Cape Pioneer Railway Regt.: 1539 Pte Thomas Will, Newcastle, May 22. Attached A.S.C.: Civil Conductor Arthur Baxter, Aldeburg, Transvaal, May 21. 1st Suffolk Regt.: (2133 ?) Pte W Boyce, 4996 Pte Thornhill, Middleburg, Transvaal, May 21. Scottish Horse: 318291 Pte Henry Evans, dysentery, Middleburg, Transvaal, May 21. Stelnacker's Horse: 5122 Pte John T Cavaliss, malarious fever, Komati Poort, May 19. 1st Scots Guards: 6341 Pte A Hunt, Howick, May 21. 24th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: Pte A Heath, Harrismith, May 21. 2nd Scots Guards: 1417 Lance-sergt J W Smith, Harrismith, May 21. 17th Co. W. Div. R.G.A.: 92212 Gnr A Tuckmott, Bloemfontein, May 22. Army Nursing Service Reserve: Nursing Sister Ida Edwards, Bloemfontein, May 21. Imperial Yeomanry: 6841 Pte Frank O Orr, dysentery, Bloemfontein, May 23. 14th Battery Royal Field Artillery: 5872 Gnr A Hardiman, Bloemfontein, May 21. 2nd Gloucester Regt.: 3389 Pte Y B Garraway, Bloemfontein, May 21. 9th Battery R.F.A.: 58374 Gnr A Little, pneumonia, Bloemfontein, May 22. Army Nursing Service Reserve: Nursing Sister Wm Blewett, Beaufort, May 22. 3rd K.R.R. Corps: 2262 Pte Henry Fellows, Heidelberg, May 22. 6th New South Wales Bushmen: 81 Pte Thos Wentworth, Klerksdorp, May 22. 3rd Norfolk Regt.: 4373 Pte Wm Shingfield, Springfontein, May 23. 1st Div. Tel. Bats. R.E.: Sergt Sapper A Galpin, Koomel, May 18. 1st Durham L.I.: 3853 Pte J Dalkin, Cape Town, May 21. Vol. Corps Regt.: 6336 Pte A House, Cape Town, May 22. 1st Welsh Regt.: 6343 Pte S Davies, Cape Town, May 22. Vol. Co. Royal Scots: 7431 Pte W Earle, dysentery, Cape Town, May 22. M.I. Co. Royal Fusiliers: 2837 Lance-corpl J March, Cape Town, May 9. 3rd Queen's Surrey Regt.: 5919 Pte J Little, Greenpoint, May 22.

CASUALTIES.

Western Province Mounted Rifles: Capt R Maxwell Bertram, injured by fall from horse, doing well, Calvinia Dist, May 12; Lieut A Soames, one rib broken, fell from horse, Calvinia Dist, May 12; 1200 Pte Clarence S A Rutherfoss, slightly wounded, Calvinia Dist, May 12; 603 Pte James Rider, killed, Calvinia Dist, May 13; 616 Pte Christian Hansen, missing, Calvinia Dist, May 12. 21st Batn. Imperial Yeomanry: Capt G Treffry, dangerously wounded, Mandesfontein, May 21; 46 Lance-corpl G Williams, dangerously wounded, Mandesfontein, May 21. 3rd N.S.W. M.I.: 1223 Pte T Wells, dangerously wounded, Mandesfontein, May 21. 2nd Battery R.F.A.: 53633 Gnr G Slater, slightly wounded, Paryss, May 19. 1st Batn. Imperial Yeomanry: Lieut A F Bowles, slightly wounded, Transvaal, wound, left arm, Fourieriberg, May 22. 5th Dragoon Guards: 3739 Pte W Hibthorpe, dangerously wounded, doing well, near Paardekop, May 21. South African Light Horse: 2163 Corpl G B McCulloch, killed, near Grootfontein, May 12; 2nd-lieut John Alexander, killed, Metz Farm, May 15; 2295 Pte Chas Higgins, killed, Metz Farm, May 15; 1894 Corpl E F Secomb, severely wounded, Metz Farm, May 15. 19th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 6431 Pte W T Cameron, slightly wounded, Commando Drift, May 18; 22913 Pte W F Swann, slightly wounded, near Virginia, May 19; Pte J Hodges, slightly wounded, near Virginia, May 19. 6th New Zealand M.I.: 1268 Pte J S Hurrey, dangerously wounded, died same day, near Bothal, May 18. Q Section Pom Poms R.H.A.: 6384 Gnr F Wye, dangerously wounded, died same day, near Bothal, May 18. Scottish Horse: Sergt W H Hoy, killed in action, Nooitgedacht, March 18.

CORRECTIONS.

Sergt John Matten, Marshall's Horn, killed, Kopjes Station, May 20, should have been reported as Sergt John Mason. 13259 Constable Caleb Brown, South African Constabulary, reported died of dysentery, Bloemfontein, May 21, should have been shown as belonging to South African Constabulary Canadian Contingent, and Christian name as William James Caleb. 4363 Pte H Churchill, reported died of enteric, Pretoria, May 19, should have been shown as belonging to 12th Hussars, and not 14th Hussars, as previously reported.

MILNER'S WHITSUN HOLIDAY.

KNOCKING OFF THE PRO-BOER NUTS.

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MINE DISASTER.

RECOVERY OF MANY BODIES.

ALL HOPE ABANDONED.

A TERRIBLE DEATH ROLL.

SYMPATHY OF THE KING.

OPENING OF THE INQUEST.

It was not until late last night that all hope of saving the 78 men, who were so suddenly and so unexpectedly entombed through the terrible explosion which occurred at the Universal Colliery, Senchenydd, near Caerphilly, on Friday, was abandoned. Throughout yesterday the work of recovering the bodies was actively pursued. Despite the strenuous efforts of the relief parties to reach the entombed men during Friday night the object was not attained. A very heavy fall of roof in the eastern portion was, however, cleared away in th early morning, and the explorers were then able to

MAKE QUICKER HEADWAY.

In the western district the search parties had by noon penetrated more than half the total distance through the workings. On Friday night the bodies of two colliers were found, but in order to facilitate the rescue work, the bodies were allowed to remain for a time. Having regard to the terrific force of the explosion, and its apparent extent through the mine, there was only the very faintest hope that anything below at the time could have survived.

SCENES AT THE PIT'S HEAD.

Many painful and touching scenes were witnessed at the pit's head yesterday, women who realised that they were really widows, and children who mourned the loss of fathers lingering in the vicinity of the ill-fated colliery, weeping bitterly in many cases, and others with pale and tear-stained faces inciting the sympathy and pity of everyone. From the moment the experienced colliery officials recognised the serious character of the disaster they have concentrated their efforts upon the rescue of the entombed men or the recovery of their bodies.

DIFFICULTIES OF THE SEARCH.

Yesterday Mr. Thos. Railton, of the Lewis Merthyr Colliery, who had been below with a search party, working on the west side, said that they had proceeded fairly well down to the Pretoria district until four o'clock, when they came upon a heavy fall. After that, though they tried to get through, they made very little progress. The fall apparently extended for a considerable distance. Another member of the same party said that a body, together with nine dead horses, had been found in a stable about 400 yards from the pit bottom. Eleven bodies were subsequently discovered in what is known as the Ladysmith or western district of the colliery. On the east side, where the impact was most severe, the rescue party had to return, owing to the insurmountable falls that had occurred.

IMPRESSIVE NARRATIVE.

A man who formed one of the exploration parties has furnished an interesting narrative. The section to which he was attached proceeded in the direction of Ladysmith, as the most northern portion of the workings on the western side has been called. They found the falls exceptionally heavy, and the man's story confirms the statement that the drainage has been phenomenal. This man has had experience in other colliery explosions, and he said that having passed over a number of falls, some of which they had to clear, they

CAME TO THE SHOTHS

on the top of the drift leading into the Ladysmith district, by means of which the coal is brought up to the double parting, and found the engine a complete wreck. The party then passed on, still in great difficulty and imminent danger, to the slip, where three wooden ventilating doors were situated. "Here," said the narrator, "I failed to find the slightest trace of the woodwork. There was not even a match splinter left, all having been blown away. After erecting temporary doors of brattice cloth we proceeded along the drift and reached

THE NEXT DOUBLE PARTING.

Beyond this was another compressed air engine, and this, to our surprise, had not sustained much damage. Going further we got to within about 100 yards of the coal face. There was another fall here which stopped us going any further." Speaking from his long experience he considered the explosion to be without precedent in its damaging effect on the workings.

GRUESOME SPECTACLE.

Mr. Llewellyn, who led another exploring party, and who reported the discovery of nine bodies, gives the following account of his experience:—"We went down the Ladysmith district, and found it in a terrible condition until we came to the first slip. We restored the ventilation as we went along, brattleing every crossing, and we then followed the air as it was being cleared. When we got to the first cross cut we saw the body of one man (Trotman) between the post and a tram. On the other side of the tram was the body of a horse, and proceeding a little further we found the bodies of three repairers terribly

THROWN ABOUT AND MANGLED.

Afterwards we got down the dip off Ladysmith. There were no falls there and we got through to the face. We found four bodies there, while close by was the body of a horse badly torn up, the stench being overpowering. When we reached the face we found further progress arrested by the afterdamp, but we were not overwhelmed, although we felt the after-damp pretty severely. We saw we could not bring the bodies up, so we returned to the bank, and now a gang of men are being sent down to clear the falls."

PREPARED FOR THE WORST.

The colliery officials have prepared for the worst. The pay office at the colliery has been converted into a mortuary, the floor being covered with hay. Men at the carpenters' shop were busily employed making ambulance stretchers, and a large number of coffins were ordered from Cardiff. Sir W. Lewis, who is in the South of France, is being kept well informed of the progress of the work of exploration, and frequent telegrams are passing.

RECOVERY OF 24 BODIES.

Telegraphing at nine last night, our special representative at Senchenydd says "19 additional bodies have now been seen in the workings, making the total number at present recovered 24. Charred remains of two men have been found in the Ladysmith district. Mr. Robson, Government inspector, entertains no hope of getting out any of the 78 men alive. Organised shifts are continuing the work of exploration, but are unable to make rapid progress, owing to heavy falls. Plenty of assistance has been volunteered from neighbouring collieries. Thousands of people have visited the scene of the disaster."

PATHETIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

General inquiries made last night revealed many pathetic circumstances in connection with some of the victims. Perhaps the worst instance is that of Wm. Jenkyns. Jenkyns lost a brother in the terrible Albion Colliery disaster of 1894, when over two hundred lives were sacrificed. Since then he has lost two grown-up brothers. He is now entombed with a brother-in-law. An equally sad case is that of Wm. Lewis Thomas, whose wife had been at Cardiff Infirmary for some time suffering from cancer. Yesterday a telegram was sent to Thomas from the infirmary announcing his wife's death. The telegram arrived at the village just as the disaster occurred. Thomas is still in the mine, and the telegram remains undelivered.

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

A message has been received from the King expressing his Majesty's condolence with the bereaved and appreciation of the gallantry of the rescue parties. The text of the King's telegram is as follows:—"The King is deeply grieved to hear of the terrible disaster at the Universal Colliery. His Majesty commands me to express his deep sympathy with the families of those who have lost their lives, also his admiration of the gallant attempt made to save life.—(Signed), RITCHIE."

The Royal message afforded much gratification among the bereaved and the officials and workers connected with the colliery.

Among the messages of sympathy received at the colliery, in addition to that sent by the King, were telegrams from among others Dr. Rutherford Harris and Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., to the Mayors of Cardiff and Swansea.

OPENING OF THE INQUEST.

The district coroner, Mr. Recce, yesterday afternoon opened an inquest on the remains of four men recovered. The coroner at the outset expressed deep sympathy with the bereaved families, and said that he was very much afraid, from what he had heard, that many, if not all, of those remaining in the colliery had lost their lives, and added, "May it please God that such is not the case." Some difficulty occurred through one of the jurors failing to answer to his name, but, this being set right, the coroner and the jury proceeded to view the four bodies. Here another

SINGULAR INCIDENT

occurred, for it was said that two of the coffins had been screwed down and they had to be reopened.—Formal evidence of identification having been given, the coroner, addressing the jury, said that by reason of an absurd regulation about viewing the bodies which, personally, he considered quite unnecessary in such cases—he might require them to attend again on Monday, and possibly there would be another adjournment after they had viewed the bodies by that time brought to the surface. Of course, this was very unpleasant, inasmuch as the bodies were in a terrible state, and should be screwed down directly.—Mr. Martin: "Yes, sir; especially in this weather."

A JUROR'S OBJECTION.

At this stage a juryman asked the coroner if it was not possible for him to get a new jury, the present jury being composed entirely of tradesmen, who felt that they were not in their right place.—The coroner having intimated his inability to do anything in the matter, the juror said that they had been objected to because so many of them had no practical knowledge of mining.—The coroner said that that might be so, but he was assured that the best had been done under the circumstances.—After a conference with the colliery officials and the receipt of a message from Mr. Robson, the Government inspector, the inquiry was adjourned until to-morrow.—Before the jury separated, Mr. Rees, the aged managing director of the Universal Colliery Co., speaking with much emotion, expressed on their behalf the company's deep regret at the calamity, and their heartfelt sympathy with the sufferers.

"HEART TOO FULL."

Mr. W. Abraham, M.P., visited the scene of the disaster yesterday. He appeared very much affected, and when asked if he had any statement to make on the terrible calamity, confined himself to the remark, "My heart is too full now."—The members of the executive council of the South Wales Miners Federation paid a visit to the colliery yesterday, and at a meeting subsequently passed a vote of condolence with the relatives of the lost men, and made arrangements for the distribution of financial assistance. A relief fund committee was also appointed.

GERMAN HONOURS FOR BRITISH.

Berlin, May 25.—The following honours are gazetted to-day in the official "Reichsanzeiger":—The Order of the Black Eagle: Field-Marshal Lord Roberts. The Order of the Red Eagle (first-class): Maj.-gen. Sir J. C. McNeill, the Earl of Kintore. The Order of the Red Eagle (second-class, with star): Sir Fleetwood Edwards and Sir A. J. Biggs. The Order of the Red Eagle (second-class): Col. Carington and Lieut.-col. A. Davidson. The Order of the Crown (first-class): Col. Lord E. Pelham-Clinton and Vice-admiral Sir J. Fullerton. The Star of the Order of the Crown (second-class): Sir J. Reid, Bart. The Order of the Crown (second-class): Lieut.-col. Waters, Lieut.-col. H. C. Legge, Commander W. Hall, Capt. Ponsonby, and Staff-capt. G. Broad. Other high orders have been conferred on military officers.—Reuter.

REMARKABLE FIRE ON THE THAMES.

There was a remarkable fire on the south side of the Thames last evening. Four barges—the Hercules, Thames, Limia, and Winton—were lying off Thorn Wharf, Commercial-rd., Lambeth, when one of them suddenly burst into flames. The mischief made startling progress, and one by one the other barges became involved, till all four were alight. The vessels were the property of the Peat Moss Litter Supply Co., and were laden with peat. Information was soon conveyed to the firemen at the Waterloo-rd. Station, and the telephone being set to work the new fire float Alpha proceeded from her moorings at Blackfriars Bridge, got as near the burning barges as possible, and commenced to throw great quantities of water on to the burning masses. The fire, however, was a difficult one to deal with, and the evening had far advanced before the task of the firemen was accomplished. All the barges had then been badly damaged.

RAID ON ALLEGED BETTING HOUSE.

George Thomas Wardell, 59, landlord of The Swan beerhouse, Well-st., Hackney, and George Kelly Wardell, 32, actor, same address, were charged at N. London yesterday with keeping the premises as a betting house.—Det.-insp. Collins said that he went with Supt. Pryke and other officers to the premises, and there saw both the prisoners in the bar. The Commissioner's search warrant was read. Prisoners said nothing. Witness then told them that the police had power to search the premises, but if they produced the betting books, etc., it would save trouble. The younger prisoner pointed to his father, and said, "It is for him to decide." The father said, "I have not got no books." In the parlour at the back of the bar were found two race-cards, four sporting guides, one sporting paper, 13 betting slips, and one betting book. The younger prisoner said, "We destroy the slips each day." On the way to the court the father said, "I admit I have been taking a few slips, but it has been for a local bookmaker." He added his son had nothing to do with the business.—Insp. Collins said it was suggested that the son was the bookmaker.—Remanded.

GO AHEAD ILFORD.

Ilford is going a-head rapidly in those things that make a healthful and prosperous suburb. In addition to having acquired several public parks, it has gone in for an electrical undertaking costing about £70,000, and the light was yesterday formally switched on by the wife of a ex-chairman of the council, Mrs. Weeden, who was presented with a silver three-light table lamp. There are 37 arc lamps of 1,500 candle-power each, but residential streets are lighted with incandescent electric lamps. Electric trams will, it is hoped, be running in 18 months' time.

SUPPOSED DISASTER TO SEAMEN.

The body of a sailor, belonging to the torpedo boat Leopard, anchored in Gareloch, was picked up yesterday. Deceased was hanging over the side of a row boat, the feet being caught by a thwart. The man, with two comrades, went for a row, and it is feared the other two bluejackets have been drowned. The name of the man, whose body has been recovered, is J. Boon, of the Leopard. He belonged to Polruan, Cornwall, and the names of his companions are Grant and Keennelly, also of the Leopard.

THE TANTALLON CASTLE.

THE CAPTAIN'S REBUK OF JUDGMENT.

Cape Town, May 25.—In connection with the wreck of the Tantallon Castle, the court have returned Capt. Travers' certificate, but they expressed the opinion that he committed a gross error of judgment in not anchoring and taking more soundings.

FIGHT ON THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

Simla, May 25.—Some Bhitanni levies and villagers have surprised a gang of Mahsuds in the hills west of Khirgi and Girai. Three of the latter were killed, including a noted raider. A Government rifle and a revolver were taken from the dead tribesmen.—Reuter.

THE KING AND QUEEN.

The King and Queen left Marlborough House yesterday afternoon and drove to Paddington, en route to Windsor for the Whitsun holidays.

SUICIDE OF A COUNTESS

The Countess Ugarte of Oakham, a well-known follower of the Cottesmore Hounds, has, says the Exchange Co.'s Melton Mowbray correspondent, committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart.

NAVAL AND MILITAR

To-morrow Col. A. W. Hill, C.B., will give up command of the 2nd Batn. Middlesex Regt., on completing his extended term of service, and will be succeeded by Maj. Bladon, who has of late been second in command, the latter appointment going to Maj. Scott Moncrieff.

The 42th Brigade Division Royal Field Artillery from Colchester, consisting of the 113th, 114th, and 116th batteries, arrived at Bulford Camp, Salisbury Plain, yesterday, and commenced the annual course of gun practice; while the 23rd Brigade Division, on completing the course at Okehampton Camp, left that centre to return to Woolwich.

During the week Maj. Bailey, Grenadier Guards, will take over command of the Guards Depot at Caterham in succession to Maj. C Frederick, Coldstream Guards. Maj. Graham has also taken over command of the Depot Cos. of the Suffolk Regt., and Maj. Creighton has taken over command of the Depot Cos. of the Cheshire Regt.

The Warwickshire Yeomanry, under the Marquis of Hertford, will to-morrow assemble at Warwick for the annual training. The following day the E. Kent Yeomanry, under Lord Harris, will commence training at Margate; the W. Kent Yeomanry, commanded by Col. Warde, M.P., will commence their training at Sevenoaks; the Worcestershire Yeomanry at Redditch; Leicestershire Yeomanry at Gaywood Park, and the Sherwood Rangers at Newark. The Cheshire Yeomanry will commence training to-morrow.

Maj. L. H. Ducros took over command of 2 Battery R.H.A., and Maj. England of the 66th Battery Field Artillery, Maj. Hobday of the 100th Battery, Maj. Carey the 103rd, Maj. Brenda 120th, and Maj. White the 148th Battery Field Artillery.

The following Naval appointments were notified at the Admiralty yesterday:—Comm. A. Halsey to Crossy, to date May 29; Lieuts. W. B. Drury to Excellent, addl. for one month's G. course, to date May 23; F. A. Marten to Diadem, to date April 29; Lieut. R.M.L.I. G. S. B. Gray to Excellent, addl. for one month's course of gunnery, to date May 23; Sub.-Lieuts. F. G. Gilbert to Canopus; A. R. W. Woods to Andromeda, to date June 1; H. J. G. Good, to Pembroke for Anglesey; E. J. G. Mackinnon to Pembroke for Cymbeline, to date May 29; F. H. Lewis to Pembroke for Bittern; J. M. M. Scott to Pembroke for Sapper, P. van Straubenzee to Victory for Electra, F. G. S. Pelle to Victory for Bream, to date June 1; Gunn. J. C. Bouhany to Naiad for T. Duties, J. Rowe to Calcassa for T. duties, to date May 23.

Actg. Sub.-Lieut. A. I. Strange confirmed in rank of Sub-Lieut., with seniority of Feb. 15, 1900.

Movements of H.M. ships reported:—Sierra Leone: Wye arrived 22nd, and sailed 23rd.

Colombo: Blake arrived 24th, to sail 28th for Aden.

Monte Video: Comr. S.E. Court of America, in Cambrian, arrived and sailed 24th.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS REPORTED AT CHANNEL PORTS UP TO 6 P.M. YESTERDAY:—

Commerce (s), Boulogne, Gravesend, Webster.
Kumara (s), Wellington, N.Z., R.A.D., Shaw Savill.
Clan, Portugal (s), Vinagre, Jas., Tilbury Docks, Clayne Irvine.
Bromley (s), Smyrna, M.D., A. Lemmo.
Gothlitan (s), Bismarck, M.D., F. Strick.
Burma (s), Boulogne, Chamberlain's Wharf, Sombrett S.S. Co.
Trojan (s), Ostend, T.D., J. Cockerill.
Saphir (s), Ostend, T.D., J. Cockerill.
Portia (s), Hamburg, St. Katherine's Docks, Craven and Co.
Brunlia, Cologne, Woolwich Wharf, Howard.
Caledonia (s), Bombay, &c., R.A.D., P. and O. Co.
Kong Frese, Kong, Copenhagen, C. Goodchild.
Garth Castle (s), St. Helens, &c., E.I.D., J. Currie.
Silvia (s), Hamburg, Hermesbydown, Prudeaux.
Swallow (s), Ostend, St. Katherine's Wharf, General Steam Navigation Co.
Batavia II. (s), Rotterdam, Church Hole Tier, Netherlands S.S. Co.
Ann Webster (s), Terneuzen, Victoria Wharf, Little and Johnson.
Rona (s), Konigsberg, M.D., Bailey and Leetham.
Tita (s), Cronstadt, R.C.D., H. Clarkson.
Borneo (s), Calcutta, &c., R.A.D., P. and O. Co.
Hylton (s), Sluess, R.C.D., Fenwick, Stobart and Co.
Gazelle (s), Toulenberg, Grays, Matthews and Ludd.
Pleiocenella, Schiedam, Rateliff, C. Hoffmann.
Cornelia, Gothenburg, R.T.D., C. Hoffmann.
Philip, Gothenburg, R.T.D., C. Hoffmann.
Hermod, Krageroe, Grimsund, Peter Dahell.
Zelos, Santander, R.C.D., Galbraith Pembroke.
Annie Jones, Dunkirk, Lawe's Wharf, T. Cook.
Carl XV. (s), Gothenburg, R.T.D., W. Bell.
Cargo Mine (s), Bermuda, &c., M.D., E. Bigland.
Ozmah (s), Australia, T.D., Anderson, Anderson.
Louise (s), Rheory S.D., Dreyfus and Co.
Nassau (s), Antwerp, Barking, W. H. Muller.
Roland (s), Hamburg, T.D., Faribank and Co.
Vendemmel (s), Ibo, T.D., Turner Brins.
Greyhild (s), Hadhavall, Vauxhall Wharf, H. Clarkson.
Bombay (s), Yokohama, &c., R.A.D., P. and O. Co.
Albert (s), Calais, Fresh Wharf, Soliss Sons.
Maria, Worcum, Hole Haven, F. Pictors.
Kingsland, Worcum, Hole Haven, F. Pictors.
Gennett (s), Hamburg, East Lane Tier, General Steam Navigation.
Ravenmen (s), Treport, Colliers' Wharf, J. Harrison.
Algores (s), Calais, Gun and Shot Wharf, Walsh Wright Bros.
Hilda (s), Hoxne, Mill Hole Tier, Lambert Bros.
Sperber (s), Bremen, St. Katherine's Docks, Argo S.S. Co.
Edith, Guernsey, Greenwich, A. and F. Manuelle.
Varan (s), Antwerp, M.D., Paul and Shellebear.
Amsterdamcum (s), Amsterdam, Brewer's Quay, Phillips and Graves.
Jantje, Brunshausen, Rotherhithe, Hoffmann and Co.
Polares (s), Barcelona, &c., Fresh Wharf, R. Mann Andrew and Co.
F. Hendrik (s), Flushing, Port Victoria, Flood Page.
Wallaru, Cape of Orange (s), Flushing, Queenborough, Flood Page.
E. Wilhelmina (s), Flushing, Queenborough, Flood Page.
Dennebland (s), Flushing, Queenborough, Flood Page.
Adler (s), Bremen, St. Katherine's Dock, Argo S.S. Co.
Swift (s), Ostend, St. Katherine's Wharf, General Steam Navigation.
Lydia Millington (s), Usanaje Hernesund, Queenborough, W. Hurst.
Britannia (s), Rotterdam, R.C.D., W. G. Warner, Tea (s), Pensacola, R.C.B., Watts, Watts and Co.
Erin (s), Bofen, R.C.D., T. C. Bentley.
Cardiland (s), Rotterdam, Rateliff Cross Tier, S. Owen.
Boeldien, Faen, Chatteston Buoys, Pettit and Co.

FORECAST OF WEATHER.

ENGLAND, N.E.	Northerly and north-easterly winds, moderate or fresh; cloudy, some slight rain.
ENGLAND, E. ... HIDELD CHTER.	Northerly winds, moderate; fair generally, but local rain settled than of late.
ENGLND S(London&Channel)	North-easterly and easterly winds, moderate or fresh; fair, but less settled than of late.
SCOTLAND, W.... ENGLAND, N.W. and N. Wales.	North-easterly and easterly winds, light; fair generally.
ENGLAND, S.W. and S. Wales.	

TIDE TABLE FOR THE WEEK.

	LONDON.		LIVERPOOL.		BRISTOL.	
	m'rng.	aft.	m'rng.	aft.	m'rng.	aft.
S	7 7 50	8 21	7 28	8 0	1 24	1 47
M	8 4 0	8 36	8 7	8 39	1 56	2 19
T	8 10	9 10	8 43	9 7	2 33	2 56
W	9 11	9 41	9 20	9 44	3 6	3 29
T	10 12	10 41	9 59	10 23	3 46	4 9
F	11 13	11 41	10 39	11 4	4 26	4 49
S	0 0	0 28	0 41	0 10	5 6	5 29
	1 10	1 39	11 20	11 41	5 46	6 9

CIGARETTE PAPERS

By JOSEPH HATTON.

Royal Kew.

"When I read an account of King Edward VII.'s recent visit to Kew, I saw in my mind's eye two pictures—the first, Cobbett sweeping the grass-plot in his blue smock, and George IV. smiling at the uncouth youngster; the second, the witless King receiving the greetings of the people of old Kew. One rejoices to read of the hearty reception King Edward VII. met with on his unexpected appearance in the gardens the other day. There were many casual visitors present. They literally stopped his Majesty's carriage while they sang "God Save the King." A friend who was present says "his Majesty was evidently much gratified, but there was a wistful look in his eyes that seemed to suggest an overwhelming sense of the great responsibility that has fallen upon his shoulders, and, furthermore, that he looked far from well."

When George the Third was King.

Although Caroline, the persecuted wife of the second George, turned the first sod towards the creation of new Gardens, George III. and his Queen were more intimately associated with Kew than any other Royal personages. It was in the autumn of 1786, after an attack had been made upon the King, that the good people of the hamlet of Kew solaced him with a rural demonstration that is recorded by Madame D'Arblay in these few words:—"An exceedingly pretty scene was exhibited to-day to their Majesties. We came, as usual, on every alternate Tuesday, to Kew. The Queen's Lodge is at the end of a long meadow, surrounded with houses, which is called Kew Green, and this was quite filled with all the old inhabitants of the place—the lame, old, blind, sick, and infants—who all assembled dressed in their Sunday garb to line the sides of the road through which their Majesties passed, attended by a band of musicians arranged in the front, who began 'God Save the King' the moment they came upon the Green, and finished it with loud huzzas. This affected the Queen to tears, and speaking of it afterwards, she said, 'I shall always love little Kew for this.'" Now, in those days of a simple and unintellectual Royalty, the Green was not railed in; nor, it would seem, was the hamlet walled out of the Royal lodge and gardens. The Green must inveriably have had an aspect of sober somnolence when George the Third was King, such as it suggests even now once in a way, on still autumn mornings in the middle of the week. You may easily picture the Royal squire and his wife acknowledging the loyal greeting of the motley and picturesque little crowd a hundred odd years ago.

The Romance of a Poor Lad.

William Cobbett at eleven years of age was clipping box-edgings and weeding beds of flowers in the garden of the Bishop of Winchester at the Castle of Farnham when a man down from Kew gave such a description of those gardens that the lad determined to go and work there. The next morning, with nothing but the clothes on his back and thirteen pence in his pocket he set off for Kew. Trudging through Richmond in his blue smock frock, and red garters tied under his knees, he went staring about at shop windows when his eyes fell on "The Tale of a Tub," price 8d. What he had eaten on the road and lost out of his pocket had left him just 3d. If he bought the book he could have no supper. He bought the book, got over into a field at the upper end of Kew Gardens, and, on the shady side of a haystack, sat down to read his book, the odd title of which had so attracted him. Though he could not understand a good deal of it the book so delighted him that he read until he could see no longer, then put it into his pocket, turned over, and went to sleep. When the birds awoke him he went into the gardens and asked for work. His confident manner, the oddity of his dress, and probably the naturally kind heart of the chief gardener, who was a Scotchman, obtained for him not only employment, but food and lodgings. Soon afterwards King George IV. and two of his brothers stopped to note the oddity of the lad's dress while he was sweeping the grass-plot round the foot of the pagoda, and acknowledged smilingly the youngster's salute. Cobbett always regarded his coming across "The Tale of a Tub" as the birth of his intellect, and for years he carried it about with him. "When at about 20," he writes, "I lost it in a box that fell overboard in the Bay of Fundy, in North America, the loss gave me greater pain than I have ever felt at losing a thousand pounds."

Why King Edward VII. Visited Kew.

I should not wonder that King Edward VII. went to Kew to see a portion of the gardens that used to be private, and which his gracious mother a year or so before her death relinquished to the public. Until recently it remained entirely unchanged from the days when the rural crowds cheered their neighbour the third George and his wife. When she dedicated Kew to the public, Queen Victoria reserved this little plot—about half-a-dozen acres. It was railed and kept apart from the rest of the grounds. The Royal cottage, where the King and Queen played at being poor people, still remains. It was closed when I saw it, and had not been opened for many years. The park round about it was almost in a wild state. One day in the springtime of the year I walked over the Royal acres, accompanied by that admirable and learned curator, Sir Joseph Hooker, and it was as it is today, a world of bluebells, though at that time with an atmosphere of romance and a certain mystery of silence that belongs to fences and walls and railed-in historic spaces. Wild hyacinths literally covered the ground, every inch of it. Great trees grew up as it were out of their beds and hiding, the sky seemed to keep down the perfume which every little breeze stirred into a delicious activity.

Freaks of Fortune.

I have heard it said that in the days when men bought their way into the Army and paid for their steps the chances of promotion from the ranks were fewer than they are to-day, and the difficulties of a private taking his place by promotion among the officers under whom he had previously served also greater. I don't believe it. Reflecting upon the positive assertions of men who profess "to know," you find that you have often been too willing to accept statements put forward with seeming knowledge. There are some fellows who know everything. I hate the argumentative man who will accept nothing without question; but the other fellow who poses as a Solon, and is generally a fool, is equally hard to bear with. I don't know much about practical soldiering, though for some years I held Queen Victoria's commission in the Volunteer Artillery, and had relatives who, in the old Cape wars, upheld the national colours on the field; and I once narrowly escaped journalistic martyrdom as a war correspondent by declining a post at which my successor lost his life! That was the kind of narrow escape Cobbett experienced when he thought he was enlisting in the marines, because he wanted to go to sea, and found the next morning that he was a recruit in a marching regiment.

Soldiers and Civilians.

"Those were days (1784-91)," says the biographer of Cobbett, "when a man might rise above rank and file. Cobbett himself had the promise of an ensignency when he came to make application for his discharge. As a matter of course such officers, through their skill, prudence, and general knowledge, became the crack men of the regiment; the best practically instructed men in the Army"—just as the higher ranks of non-commissioned officers are to-day, many of them absolutely indispensable —"ghosts" in the artistic sense—to the officers commanding them. It would have been good for the army fighting in South Africa if in the early days of the war, when our officers, brave dare devils, reckless of death but chary of their honour, fell before the Boer sharp-shooters; it would have been a good thing if many of them had found successors in the non-commissioned officers of the decimated regiments. I am speaking as very much of a civilian, but the professionals might do worse than make themselves acquainted with the views of intelligent civilians, who pay the piper and who ought to have a voice in calling the tune.

Powerful Motive for Good Conduct.

Don't tell me again, my supercilious friend, who questioned my statement, and did so with a curl of your military lip, because you are "in the Guards, don't you know"; don't tell me, I say, that it was more unusual to promote men from the ranks in the first days of the past century than it is now. Cobbett remarks upon the frequency of it. "When I was in the Army, the adjutant-general, Sir Wm. Fawcett, had been a private soldier; Gen. Slater, who had then recently commanded the Guards in London, had been a private soldier; Col. Picton, whom I saw at the head of his fine regiment (the 12th Chatham), had been a private soldier; Capt. Green, who had the command of me, had been a private soldier. In the garrison of Halifax there were no less than 17 officers who had been private soldiers. In my own regiment the quartermaster had been a private soldier; the adjutant, who was also a lieutenant, had been a private soldier. No man of sense need be told what powerful motive there was here for good conduct in the soldiers." It is this state of things that one desires to see back again in the Army. Some of my readers will be astounded that it ever existed. How is it that the expenses of being an officer have grown so as to make the place beyond the ambition of a man who has not a private income, or worth the while of a man entering the Army at all, unless he is well off, or has no ambition, or is to eut-at-elbow to do anything else?

An Ideal Service.

Soldiering should be regarded as the serious profession it is, and it should be incumbent upon an officer to know at least as much about his business as the more skilful of his non-commissioned men. We talk a great deal of the open door; let the Army door be opened to the earnest, ambitious, and hard-working private, pay him a decent wage, give him enough to eat, and, to good conduct and distinguished merit, the prize of an eventual and properly-paid command; then you would see a British Army in which the ordinary soldier would rank in society according to his mental capacity and manners; and, in our 20th century soldiering, the chivalry of the knights of old would be revived. The knight of old, whom poets sung and ladies glorified, was not necessarily a rich man; indeed, many, like the apostles of Judea, went about without scrip or purse, but with a great purpose and a noble self-denial. Cobbett made his way to honour and to fame, toiling through the work and discipline of the Army as a common soldier —sober, honest, studious, respected by officer and comrade alike; but it is not given to every man to be a Sir Galahad, though he is found now and then even in the ranks—God speed him!

My good blade carves the casques of men,
My tough lance thrusteth sure,
My strength is as the strength of ten,
Because my heart is pure!

An Example for Tommy Atkins

It was boastfully said that every soldier in the grand army of Napoleon carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack. The work is tremendous, and the luck enormous, that may carry a British private to a command in the field. But the private soldier's ordinary lot may be very much bettered by Tommy himself with care, prudence, good conduct, and study. The story of Cobbett's rise to fame is an example for all men in the Army and out of it. He began his education at Kew, with "The Tale of a Tub." He may be said to have finished it during his eight years in the Army. He starved on the military rations that he might buy pens and ink and books. He neither wasted his time nor his money in public-houses nor gambling. In little less than a year he was sergeant-major, promoted over the heads of 50 others through sheer merit. But his little story is worth telling more in detail, and we will recur to it next week. Meanwhile the moral for Tommy Atkins is that to be a good soldier you should be a good man, to earn promotion you should be sober and reliable. Whatever a man's walk in life his conduct dignifies or debases it.

Remember the Black Beetles, horrid thieves, and be sure to tell Cook to well sprinkle the floor near the fireplace last thing at night with KEATING'S POWDER, the unrivalled Killer of Black Beetles. Moths: also Mice in children's beds. Harmless to animals. Sold only in Tins, 3d., 6d., and 1s. New Filled Tin Bellows, 9d.—[Advt.]

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[Questions requiring to be answered the same week should reach the office by TUESDAY morning. Valuations, whether of doing books, or other property, are never given. Letters should be written in ink, and marked outside "Legal," "Medical," "Madame," "Sporting," or otherwise. The coupon given below must be enclosed for each question, with name and address of the correspondent in all cases, but not for publication when a nom-de-plume is appended. Neither private addresses nor recommendations are ever given. No answer will be given through the post, even though stamps be enclosed. All rejected MSS. unaccompanied by stamped addressed covers will be destroyed. Copies of short articles should be kept by their authors. We do not undertake to return them, nor do we accept any responsibility for MSS. that may be lost. Recipients are notified should be addressed to "Household."]

CORRESPONDENCE COUPON.

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This must be cut out and forwarded with any question.

LOST AND FOUND.

[1. Notices to contain the following particulars only.—Name of missing person. How long since last heard of. Relationship to applicant. Signature and address of applicant (not necessarily for publication). 2. Must have been missing for more than year at least. 3. Notice must be direct from your self. 4. Repetitions will not be given. 5. Coupon must be enclosed. Persons who do not comply with these rules can only be inserted in "Personal" advertising columns at the usual charge.]

MEDICAL ADVICE.

[A physician, whose qualifications for the work are of the highest, answers ordinary questions of a medical nature in ordinary cases the reply is given in these columns, without charge, under the heading "Medical," but in certain critical cases, with regard to our answers, although they are by a legal expert, who wishes it to be understood that he does not undertake to conduct the affairs of friendly societies, he will answer questions on foreign law. Owing to the great increase in the number of questions, it is not always possible to answer all of them during the current week. Repeated questions, on the same subject, must be accompanied with a copy of the previous question and our answer.]

PATENTS.

[As we have no room for detailed information respecting the taking out of patents and collateral matters, we forward all such communications to a professional agent, who supplies the information free of charge to inquirers. The envelope should be inscribed "Patent" on the address side.]

NOMS-DE PLUME.

[Correspondents should select uncommon noms-de-plume in order to avoid confusion.]

LEGAL.

TEO.—Obtain a paternity order when he returns.

MONA.—From £80 to £100.

MARITANA.—It would have to be a matter of arrangement.

ANXIOUS ONE.—Twelve months. The solicitor would give you an idea of the expense.

PUZZLED.—She cannot be compelled to return. She is a free agent.

APPOLO (Bedminster).—The girl was married in the name by which she is known. The ceremony was perfectly legal.

TED.—No, certainly not.

DURHAM.—One published by Effingham Wilson, price 1s.

J. STOCKE.—If patented, yes; if not, no.

ALPINGTON.—No, only a judicial separation.

L. S.—She cannot be made to return home.

SMOLING.—1. No. 2. Yes, if the rent is paid weekly.

CHISWICK.—Yes, if the plan on your lease says 140ft.; if not, no.

GERRIE.—If freehold, he can; if leasehold no.

H. H. H.—Go to the Registrar of the County Court, and apply for an administration order. He will tell you cost, etc.

W. B.—Go to British Museum, and search file of "Times" and Law reports.

ANNERLOE.—It does not matter what you earn, it is a matter of discretion with the guardians.

SHIELEY.—Assign the equity for the sum she has paid. You must get a lawyer to do it.

DESIRE TO KNOW.—You do not say how long he has been in possession.

TREZOR TRAHECOL.—Try it on—but we fear you are a yearly tenant, and will have to give six months' notice to end at the date you came in.

MOUNT PLEASANT. — Counterclaim for amount of damage done.

LIRA.—It is not necessary—but those benefiting it can demand to know how the matter stands.

MATERFAMILIAS.—Yes, 10s. or 12s. per week.

THE BAT.—Yes, sue.

PAT-GATE.—We should try it on without a license, and then apply for one if the Town Council demand it.

HAIR CUT (Bristol).—No, it all belongs to the second husband.

COGNOMEN.—You need not pay anything; but if you really desire it enrolled in Chancery it will cost you £3 or £4.

LEMONADE.—1. Yes. 2. You must if he won't.

LAW.—1. It was indiscreet, but it will not do you any harm if you did so more. 2. No; hers.

SUPPER DANCE.—Yes; take it to the district registry.

COTTAGER.—1. It often does more harm by the publicity to file satisfaction than to let it run out by effusion of time. The cost is £1. 2. Yes.

MAIDON.—None.

T. H. S. (Sussex).—Not if he acted in good faith.

L. A. B.—Six months' notice to expire on the date you went in.

PEART.—Distrain on the box for rent. Give him notice if you can.

DOUBTFUL.—1. He can distrain on it after it is due. 2. No. 3. You could keep him out of it for 12 months with skill. 4. No. Yes.

LAMPERT.—Try the Police, but we fear it will be no good.

PATERFAMILIAS.—Go to a magistrate, and tell him the facts.

BRECKNOCK.—There is no fine, only interest on the duty payable.

BANDMASTER.—Pay a solicitor 5s. 6d. for his advice. He will tell you what an application to the court is likely to cost.

E. S. M. P.—Yes, he can.

OLD TENANT.—1. No. 2. One week. 3. Yes. 4. Yes.

L. K. N.—You can do nothing.

FLEUR-DE-LYS.—Let them sue. Attend at the court and tell the judge your means. He will probably make a small order.

CARDIFF.—Yes, if described or named.

S. WESTBROMWICH.—First find your great aunt or uncle's will at Somerset House, and then write to us again.

LANCASHIRE LAD.—Send her to the workhouse; the guardians will then take the matter up.

CRUEL INDIGNANT.—The case is too serious to deal with except through a solicitor or the Public Prosecutor.

GARDENER.—Procedure correct.

ANXIOUS.—Marriage annuls a will. She must make another, or her husband will have the lot.

TERTIUS.—1. You can if you like enrol it in Chancery for a small sum, but it is not necessary. 2. Yes, quite legal. 3. No, so long as you could prove your identity.

DEAF.—No; wait until he returns.

APPRENTICE R.—It depends on your articles. Let us know if your father joined in them.

DIMANCHE.—Yes, unless that of a tobacconist's, though the police use a kindly discretion in poor neighbourhoods.

PAINTER (Dover).—Yes, we think you have a good cause of action. Sue the master, not the company.

TALAVERA.—1. No. 2. No. 3. Yes, we think so.

GARDEN OF EDEN.—You are not liable for the bet, but may be liable to refund the 10s.

DEVRON.—6d. is correct; 3d. would be the amount for not exceeding £40.

LIMITIMATE.—Write to him for the certificates.

BUMLER.—1. Yes, if you gave notice under the Lodgers' Goods' Act. 2. Yes.

XYLAP.—23, Knightrider-street, Doctors' Commons, London, E.C. Cost about £30. No.

J. M. P.—It depends upon the exact nature of the title under which Mr. and Mrs. Z. held.

HAPPY RELEASE.—1. No. 2. No, do nothing. 3. No, you are free.

PERPLEXED.—Yes, she must make every effort to find him first, and then if he turned up, her second marriage would be null and void, although she would not be punished.

MAY.—You can sue the lady, and she could sue the gentleman, but you could not.

H. G.—Yes, it is yours, except what was paid for out of her separate earnings.

SUMMERSET.—Write to the Local Authority.

QUI VIVE.—It all depends upon the exact wording of the Articles. Sometimes a change like this is provided for. Sometimes it is not.

CHAS. HARDY.—No; but you can refuse to go on paying them.

NAVAL PENSIONLITE.—1. You have been misinformed. 2. No. 3. Many thanks. We think we remember answering your questions. See rules above.

X. N. R.—Leave it to the person's wife or some person whom they both could trust.

VARRO.—Ask the Clerk of the County Court. He will give you all particulars.

BLIND PIG.—We fear not.

BLIKE.—Yes, it is in their discretion.

VAUXHALL.—Consult a solicitor. It will cost £50.

A. L. PARK.—1. A yearly tenant. 2. No. 3. Probably. 4. No.

H. M. E.—Yes; if you think the people can pay if made.

O. E. P.—1. We do not think so. 2. You can claim your characters if addressed to you and not to her.

T. STONE.—Divided equally between all her brothers and sisters, unless she has freehold land, in which case it will go to her eldest brother.

LINCOLN.—1. No, they cannot do that. Sue them for difference. 2. A week.

G. L. C.—You could. Why not consult another solicitor.

WORRIED.—Yes, they could. Be very careful. Consult a no licitor; cheapest in the end.

DAVID GARRICK.—Distrain on them for rent through a bailiff.

CHANDLER.—We cannot say.

SARNIA.—We are not aware that there is any rule on the subject.

J. MCDONALD.—Three consecutive years' residence.

PLYM.—No; so long as you give six months' notice, to expire on the day the tenancy commenced.

FLORENCE, ENGLISH GIRL.—It would be legal in England; but make careful inquiries as to the formalities to be gone through by him abroad.

INSPOT.—1. No. 2. Yes.

BELLE PHILIP.—Absolutely legal and binding.

DOWNDERRY.—He is liable; but, if the creditor sues, we should defend, and make him prove the case strictly.

YARROW.—Pay nothing more; if she sues, explain facts to judge. Your second batch of questions are not clear; get all information at the police court.

MUFF.—You can leave him whenever you like. It all depends upon your capacity as to getting an appointment. Anonymous letters are not worth troubling about.

SANDY.—Sue them in the County Court.

SPUNYARN.—No; sue her for detaining them in the County Court.

JOSEPH STOCK.—Yes; ask all particulars at Somerset House.

JERSEY COW.—Defend any action.

SANGER.—You cannot get it.

NORFOLK.—It is quite legal to do so; but it may not be in proper form, or may be contradictory.

FITZJOHNSON.—About £70.

TORPEDO.—Yes, an action for slander.

OUTCAST.—Make her take out Letters of Administration, or tell the Somerset House authorities.

A BRISTOL WOMAN.—1. Issue judgment summons, or put in execution at the fist. 2. £2 or £3.

A REGULAR SUBSCRIBER.—Ask the registrar of the local County Court all about it.

BATTERSEA.—Yes, but defend and tell the facts to the judge.

UNO.—1. Yes. 2. No.

ENOS.—Living in Guernsey it will be difficult to sue in London; sell the debt to a friend in London; give notice to the debtor, and let your friend sue.

A "PEOPLE" READER.—Defend, if sued, and explain facts to judge.

R. SCOTT.—Write to the judge of the court.

R. SCOTT.—Get an injunction in the County Court.

HANNAH.—Husband would take all personal property. We advise you to make a will.

E. WEEKS SENR., HOPEFUL, COUNTRY BUMPKIN, E. D., JOHN BROOKES, JUSTICE, SUNFLOWER.—Yes.

HOMEWARD BOUND, ASYLUM, CANARY, TOP NOT, APPRENTICE, LEARN, CRICKLEIGH, JOSEPHUS, A. A. M., TEMMES, WIFE.—No.

MEDICAL.

RED COAT.—Pellitorine tannate, 2 grain tabloids. Dose, one to four for an adult, fasting, followed in two hours by an ounce of castor oil.

EXECTUS.—He should wear a properly fitting apparatus to keep the shoulders back.

RAILWAY.—We know of no remedy.

QUERNIE.—Yes. Dust on some finely powdered boracic acid.

ANXIOUS, AJAX.—Take a plain varied diet of good quality. Avoid all stimulants. Take medicine as follows (half an ounce each alternate morning in a tumblerful of hot water): Mag sulph, 2 ounces; mag carb, sp ammon co, of each 2 drachms; aq menth pip, to 8 ounces.

HORSHAM.—1. No. 2. No.

TENWILL.—1. Grow a beard. 2. If they are very much enlarged do so.

ELLEN, HAIR.—Apply a small quantity of the ointment each night at bed-time: Hydrarg ammon chlor, 15 grains; acid salicylic, 10 grains; creolin, 2 drachm; lanolin and vaseline, of each equal parts to 2 ounces. Take 1 teaspoonful of Easton's Syrup in 2 ounces of water after each meal. Live much in the open air. Avoid all stimulants. Wash the head once a week at bed-time, using coal tar soap and clean, tepid water; dry well.

CURATE.—Take a cold water enema daily (6 ounces); walking exercise in the open air; have the abdominal region well massaged, a varied diet of good quality, one in which well-cooked, fresh, green vegetables enters largely; eat coarse brown bread, and take 1 drachm of this medicine in half a wineglassful of water each morning after breakfast: Ex cascara sagrada, liq et glycerini purif, of each 1 ounce. When the desired effect has been produced the medicine should be discontinued.

C. S. P.—Creta preparata, 2 ounces; powdered white castile soap and powdered orris root, of each 4 drachms.

FIR TREE, PORTHITE.—1. An operation is the only cure. 2. From six to ten weeks.

LIVERPOOL, ROCKINGHAM, SPOTS, MUSIC.—Avoid stimulants; get walking exercise in the open air; take a plain, varied diet of good quality, also ½ ounce of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Mag sulph, 1 ounce; sodii bicarb, 2 drachms; sp ammon co, 3 drachms; inf rhei, 8 ounces; inf calumbæ, to 8 ounces.

ACHILLES, DADDY.—Use daily through a nasal douche this solution, taking care to change the nosepiece from nostril to nostril during the process of douching: Glycerini acid carbolic, glycerini boracic, of each 3 drachms; clean, tepid water, 10 ounces. Avoid all stimulants and tobacco. Take 1 drachm of Easton's Syrup in 2 ounces of water after each meal.

K. P. B.—If your address is known, not otherwise.

F. G. W.—Apply a small quantity of this lotion through a glass eye-bath two or three times a day: Acid boracic, 2 drachms; rose water, 10 ounces. Also apply some of this ointment each night at bed-time to the lids only: Olei rosei, ½ drachm; hydrarg ammon chlor, 12 grains; cerl galeni, 4 drachms.

CORINTHUM.—The only cure is epilation by electricity.

SABNIA, FLORENCE LEWENDON, E. BAILEY.—Wash the part but seldom; when doing so use clean, tepid water and coal tar soap; dry well. Apply each night a small quantity of this ointment: Hydrarg ammon chlor, 15 grains; liq carbonis detergens, 1 drachm; vaseline and vaseline, of each equal parts to 1 ounce. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Sodii bicarb, 2 drachms; mag sulph, ½ ounce; inf rhei, 2 ounces; sp ammon co, 3 drachms; liq fowleri, ½ drachm; inf calumbæ, to 10 ounces.

WARASOLA.—All dyes are injurious to the hair; we do not recommend them.

ZERRA, IVON, GLASGOW, ELECTRIC.—Take 1 teaspoonful of the syr ferri quinæ et strych phosphat in 2 ounces of water three times a day after food. Avoid all stimulants. Live much in the open air.

S. T. C.—If pure it is good.

E. G. W.—Take 1 teaspoonful of this mixture when the cough is troublesome: Tinct camph co, 4 drachms; syr papav alb et syr rhoados, of each ½ ounce; sp æther nit, 2 drachms, water, to 4 ounces.

G. B. H., 10 YEARS' READER.—Observe the utmost cleanliness in your person and all your surroundings; change your linen and clothes frequently; take a Turkish bath once in 10 days. Wash the affected part each day with clean, tepid water, to which some boracic powder has been added; use coal tar soap; dry well, and dust on some of the state of the roots. When the pots are filled with roots, more water is required than when a plant has been recently potted. At this season, well rooted plants on a warm room would require water from four to six times per week, and it should not be a mere dribble on the surface, but enough water should be given to run through the bottom. A plant was sent to me to examine a few days ago, and the surface of the ball was in a state of saturation and the bottom of the ball as dry as dust. For a little time a little water supposed to have been poured daily on the ball, but never at any time had the water passed through the ball, and the best roots at the bottom were perishing from drought, and those at the top had died from repletion. Neither is this an uncommon case, therefore, when watering, give enough to run through the bottom of the pot, or if in doubt, soak the ball in a pail. India rubbers should not be exposed to hot sunshine direct from the room when the leaves are soft.

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HOUSEHOLD.

CIGAR BOX.—It may be planed off; or be first scraped off with broken glass, which must be broken off quite even, having no points or uneven edges that would make scratches on the surface; then finished off with the finest glasspaper.

COUNTRARE.—The potato is not liked or used by some, who say they find it injurious, but others use it freely. For ourselves, we prefer the thumb, moistened from the mouth or dipped from time to time in a saucer of clean, cold water. It is not the painting, but the varnish put on to protect the painting, you rub off in this way; it should come off in the form of a white dry powder, as very little moisture should be used. You must stop the rubbing as soon as you rub down to the painting, as rubbing off the latter is done with clean, cold water, but the less you do of that the better. The process is one of cleaning only, not "renovating," which might mean that the picture was injured. If you have never done any work of the kind, we should not advise your beginning "on a valuable old picture."

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THE MYSTIC RUBY.

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CHAPTER XIII.

THE LAND OF THE LION AND SUN.

Mrs. Aydelott had hurried her husband and daughter away on such short notice for the reason that before Mirza Abdullah had come with suggestions of Persia, she had practically made arrangements for them all to go to Barmouth, by a certain date, at which time the painters were coming in. To get out of their way, and not to have to make a second move, she had hurried their preparations for the long Persian journey to such good effect that they were off within a fortnight of the day that the idea had been first suggested. She would have liked a little longer delay, for she had not had time to bid all her friends good-bye. It was so pleasant to drop in on people for a cup of tea, and when they would say with an air of triumph, "we are off to the Engadine for the summer," or, "we are just leaving for Dieppe," or "my children are going to try Newquay this year," it was such a satisfaction to answer casually, "how nice, we are running over to Persia for our little outing—my poor dear husband wants a change."

But such little opportunities to "crow over" her dear friends must be sacrificed to practical considerations, and before her husband quite realised that he was to have a chance at last to visit the land of his dreams, he was whisking through Berlin on his way thither.

Mrs. Aydelott hated travelling, but she made no complaints when there was a duty to be performed. She was not going to give her dear middle-aged sandy-haired Archibald the slightest chance to suggest again that he was perfectly willing to go alone. Persian women might be veiled, but a masked battery was the most dangerous of all.

She rushed her unresisting husband and her rebellious daughter tornadowise across Europe, saying that the sooner they got to their destination the sooner they could rest. They caught a glimpse of the lights of Brussels, they saw the inside of a Berlin station, they had a cup of tea in Warsaw. Here Mrs. Aydelott heard that a fast steamer left Odessa every Wednesday for Batoum. They flew onward and caught the boat with four minutes to spare, the good lady plumped herself down on a deck seat, breathed for the first time in six days, and condescended to look at the beautiful scenery on the north shore as the fine steamer ploughed the waters of the Black Sea. From Batoum there was a railway journey of 32 hours across to Baku on the Caspian, and the carriages were so good, and the travelling so comfortable, that Mrs. Aydelott began to complain that her husband had purposely exaggerated the annoyances of travel in the vain hope that she would stay at home.

"You are not in Persia, yet," he remarked, significantly.

The old man chuckled to himself from time to time as the steamer from Baku was carrying them towards the Persian shore of the Caspian, and when they were actually landed in Enzeli he looked at his wife critically, estimated her weight at 13 stone, and laughed aloud. She did not see him do it, that would have been heartless; the waters of the Caspian are rough, the steamers are round bottomed, and the bar across the end of the lagoon at Enzeli produces a choppy sea that is warranted to undo any but the strongest-hearted traveller. It was only Mrs. Aydelott who suffered, however, even as she was descending into the launch, she murmured with tears, "Oh, Archibald, what sacrifices I have made for you."

At Enzeli the troubles began. It was baking hot, there was no proper accommodation, there was a buzzing insect to every drop of moist heavy air. They must perforce push on to Resht, some 10 miles away. After many difficulties, the professor arranged with a muleteer to transport the luggage, and a broken-down droshky that had served a long career in Russia, was finally dug out of some mysterious hole. Into this wreck of a vehicle they climbed, after crossing the lagoon, and were driven in state to their first Persian resting place. It was dark when they arrived, and the inn accommodation was such that Mrs. Aydelott prayed her husband to take the next boat back to civilisation, but Rose cheered her mother up, and finally they went to rest much disappointed at their first sight of the sunny land of Persia.

It was the work of two days to make the preparations necessary for the journey into the interior. All sorts of things, down to pots, kettles, and pans, had to be bought in the bazaars, and there was a most elaborate agreement to be made with the muleteer or caravanmaster who was to provide horses.

All these vexatious arrangements were smoothed by a Persian servant whom the Professor had engaged.

Nasrullah presented himself before the professor was well awake on the first morning, and with a low bow asked if the sahib required an attendant and courier. He was from the south of Persia, he explained, and was returning home. He would forfeit his eyes, and afterwards his head, he cried with much solemnity, if he did not serve the sahib well. Nasrullah was engaged on the spot, and he immediately assumed an air of great importance, and went out and kicked a boy who was waiting amid a crowd of a hundred or two people, for a sight of the two English ladies who went about unveiled. At this brave air, and ferocious assault, the crowd drew away a little, whereupon he settled his black lambskin cap more firmly on his head, drew his long coat with its voluminously plaited tails close about him, and threatened the mob, with bitter vituperative expressions of contempt, that he personally would annihilate the lot if they disturbed the comfort of his high Excellency or of the star-eyed ladies.

The imposing caravan, augmented by muleteers, attendants, cooks, servants—to the number of thirty in all—was to have started at four on the Wednesday morning, but it really got away at eight. "And a very good time, too," said Nasrullah complacently; "it might have been noon." He rode at the head of the cavalcade, mounted on a horse so surprisingly better than anybody else's that, as soon as they were clear of the town, the professor forced him into an unwilling exchange with Mrs. Aydelott's mount. "On my head be it," he said mournfully, as the muleteers laughed at his crestfallen air; "but it is my own horse, and not built to carry a mountain."

"You will take a beating, and walk, if you don't get down in one minute," said the professor, who dropped with surprising quickness into the way of managing Persian servants.

As for Rose, she was mounted on the most beautiful little arab mare, of a perfection of form and ease of pace rare indeed to find in Resht. Nasrullah had heard of the horse in some mysterious way, and the professor had bought it at a price which he was very careful indeed his wife should not hear of. Nasrullah seemed to have a faculty for getting good mounts. He certainly left Resht that morning bestriding an animal of a quality never before seen bearing a servant through the gates.

Rose christened him "The Rainbow" in reference to his riding costume, which consisted of a long cloak of yellow lined with red cotton, blue cotton pantaloons, and a green shirt. He had a crimson sash bound round his waist, and when he took off his lambskin cap it could be seen that his head was shaven on the top. He was Rose's devoted slave, and he watched for a chance to render small services. She and her mother, in deference to local feelings, wore light veils over their faces; but even these did not prevent a Persian priest, who passed the caravan mounted on a swaying camel, from muttering a sour malediction on the infidels. They made their way through the stifling heat amid miles of forest, at a slow walking pace, and it was not until nearly one o'clock that they came to Kuhdum, where they made preparations to spend the afternoon and night. They had only accomplished sixteen miles, and the two ladies were dead tired out.

The servants swept out and cleaned as well as they could a couple of rooms in the great caravanserary, and hung up curtains and spread rugs. Then they prepared a meal. Mrs. Aydelott no longer displayed the eager haste which had characterised her jaunt across Europe. As she lay on the rugs in the stifling air, she said faintly, "Archibald, I think it is a shame that you dragged me from my peaceful home to endure such misery as this."

The professor smiled. He was having his revenge.

"The worst is over," he cried cheerily; "we shall begin to climb the mountains now, where it will be cooler."

Climb, indeed, they did the next day. Even Rose, who was a plucky horsewoman, had all she could do to hold on, as her sure-footed little mare struggled up what she called—and justly—"very steep staircases much out of repair." Her mother, with a Persian holding her on the saddle and another leading the horse, tried in vain to snatch sufficient breath to tell her husband what she thought of him for concealing the horrors of this journey. The professor had been too clever for that. His wife would have accused him of multiplying difficulties that she might be induced to remain at home; and, if she had really believed him at last, would have prevented in some way his going.

"Courage," he cried, as the horses scrambled over the crags, "we are getting over the worst, and it is only a couple of hundred miles farther."

Three days of this terrific climbing brought them to the Kharsan Pass, where they stowed in the day and froze at night; but the scenery was grand and the air invigorating. No hardship, no accident, no vista of precipices stretching thousands of feet beneath her, provoked from Rose an expression of alarm or discontent; but she did utter a wail of despair as they were approaching the seven-arched bridge that spans the Sefrud River. A gaunt mule, to whom was accorded the honour of carrying, among other things, the shapeless package that concealed Rose's bicycle (do you think she would go to Persia without her bicycle—no, indeed!) suddenly disappeared through a hole in the bridge in the seething water below. Rose was very sorry for the mule, but was made supremely happy to find that the bicycle had caught on each side of the hole, and was quietly lying there apparently uninjured. Her beloved machine was saved to her.

The descent of the spurs of the Elburs Mountains was even more difficult and hazardous than the ascent, but at the end of the sixth day they were safely on the plains, and on the succeeding evening were happily resting themselves in what is the only good inn in Persia outside of Tehran.

"Mother," cried Rose, as she looked out of the windows over the beautiful gardens of the town of Kasvin, "this was once the capital of Haroun-al-Raschid."

"I wish he had never been born," cried the unhappy lady ungraciously, "and that Persia had never existed. How ever I am going to get home again, I don't know."

"There's a whole year to think of that," answered her daughter, "and in the meantime let's enjoy it."

"Enjoy it?" echoed her mother with a shudder, "the country is baked drier than a biscuit, there's not a decent bed from one end of it to the other, the tea isn't fit to drink, they cook the mutton to rags, the nightingales are in cages, and there's no church to go to on Sundays."

Having concluded this comprehensive indictment, Mrs. Aydelott turned over and went to sleep.

Nasrullah, who grandiloquently introduced himself everywhere as his Excellency's gholam, or courier, made determined efforts here to induce the professor to take the old road on to Kum, thus avoiding Tehran. He was so strenuous about this, that the professor could not understand it, and when Nasrullah sulked for a whole day over the matter, the professor was finally driven to threaten that he would hale him before the Governor and have him bastinadoed, if he did not behave himself. This threat brought "the Rainbow" to his senses, and the journey was resumed after two days' rest. For the hundred miles that intervened between here and the capital, they were able to travel by tarantass; and they found the lumbering, springless Russian vehicle a vast improvement over the horses, and the road, though rough, a great advance over the mountain paths.

It was late in the evening when they arrived at Tehran, and when Rose got out of the tarantass in front of the inn, she uttered a cry of surprise, for Lascelles stepped forward with outstretched hand.

"Welcome to Tehran," he cried.

CHAPTER XIV.

THE ATTACK IN THE DESERT.

It was a shock to Rose to see Lascelles, associated as he was in her mind with the faithless lover, whose change of scene and hard travelling were helping her to forget. But, after all, it was pleasant so far from home to see a face she had seen in London, and to hear a voice she had heard among the surroundings of home. She did not know him very well, but he looked older and more careworn than she remembered him as looking, and he seemed to feel that she would note this, for he explained with a harsh laugh, that his struggles with postboys and in travelling from Enzeli had worn him out.

He seemed to approach both Rose and her parents in a hesitating way, as though uncertain of his reception, and he brightened up immediately, when all greeted him so cordially. He was certain now that FitzMallock had not appeared in London after he left. He breathed more freely. The future was safe for him. FitzMallock was certainly dead, and he was here in a new land with a new future before him, far away from associations that would recall the horrors of Limehouse Causeway. He looked with gloating admiration at Rose, as she stood under the shade of the trees in front of the hotel, looking as fresh as though she had not just emerged from a lumbering vehicle that had trundled her through mountains of dust. How beautiful she was! And she was his entirely for a year. There was no rival, he could woo and win her at his leisure.

He began immediately to be useful to her father, to be interesting to Rose, and to be the devoted slave of her mother. He sent the most delicious melon to be procured in the town to Mrs. Aydelott, before she had cleared herself from the dust of travel, and Rose was charmed by a bouquet of fragrant pinks, while the professor received the practical information that everybody was "out of town"; the Shah was at his summer palace, the Ambassadors were at their country seats, and the capital was drowsing in its summer sleep. Thereupon the professor, after consulting his wife, made up his mind to push on the next day to their destination. The weather was so hot, that it was necessary that they should be able to settle down and surround themselves with shade, seclusion, and comfort. The letters of introduction which the professor had brought to the Ambassador and to others in the capital could await a favourable opportunity for delivery, later in the year, when it would be easy for the professor to take a little jaunt up to Tehran. Kashan was only a hundred miles away.

Lascelles had thought of nothing during the week he had spent at the capital except how to make himself agreeable to the professor's party when they should arrive. He did this not only for the sake of Rose, but because he wished to establish himself under their wings. How could he, not knowing the language, practice medicine at Kashan, unless there was somebody who would lend a helping hand?

After dinner, when the cool air of the evening made life tolerable, he suggested a walk; and he led them, apparently without care as to where he was going, through the beautiful boulevard of the Ambassadors, through Artillery-square, past the European shops, the principal mosque, and the most interesting bazaars. He was a born cicerone, and he was very particular not to interrupt the professor's enthusiastic flow of language, as the latter recognised object after object, which he had read about. Even Mrs. Aydelott was obliged to admit, as they walked homeward, that Persia had some attractions; and as for Rose, she was enthusiastic. They passed among the people unnoticed, for there is so considerable a European colony in the capital, that white faces no longer attract attention. Rose could not help laughing more than once at the ridiculous figures presented by the women whom they encountered, swathed, as they were, in shapeless cotton, or sometimes silken bags, their dark eyes peeping through slits cut into their heavy veils.

The next morning the professor hurried away to inspect some manuscripts. Mrs. Aydelott declined to face the heat, so Lascelles took Rose to see the Shah's Palace, and particularly the museum, in which are kept the wonderful jewels. Rose enjoyed the novel sensation of dipping her hands into what Lascelles called "a bucket full of pearls," which she tossed about as one might idly finger grains of wheat in the mouth of an open sack. She saw also the great globe of gold, weighing seventy-five pounds, on which the countries and oceans of the world are marked out in gems, of which there are fifty-one thousand in all, the value of the wondrous bauble being set at nearly a million pounds. Even Lascelles's ingenuity could not, however, procure a sight of the "daria-i-nur" (sea of light), sister diamond to the koh-i-nur (mountain of light). This was locked up for some special reason, and the "Centre of the Universe," as the Shah is called by his faithful subjects, was not considerate enough to display a paste facsimile. Rose complained at last that the light of these dazzling brilliants hurt her eyes, and begged to be led from the contemplation of thirty million pounds' worth of scintillating jewels. Lascelles thought, but did not say, that the brightest jewel vanished from the room when Rose left it. It was not yet the time for compliments.

In the meanwhile Nasrullah had been making arrangements for the continued journey. They had decided to travel by night on account of the heat, so the cavalcade set forward that evening; Mrs. Aydelott, who had positively declined to proceed farther on horseback, travelling in a horse-litter. It had great shafts projecting in front and behind, and a horse was placed between each, so that she was able to lie very comfortably at full length; though when they were going up very steep hills, she resented the fact that she was compelled to travel standing on her head.

Before they started Lascelles had said to the professor, "I have been looking over the ground, and think that I shall do better at Kashan as a doctor than at any other place. I will accompany you if you don't mind."

The professor made no objection, and Mrs. Aydelott was greatly pleased. As for Rose, she was rather glad than otherwise. It would certainly not be quite so lonely to have some one not far from her own age to whom she could talk.

"I cannot understand," said the professor to Lascelles as they rode along in the first stage of their journey, "how it is that I never heard anything before leaving London from the Persian who was really responsible for my coming here. He disappeared as mysteriously as the man with the invisible cloak in the 'Arabian Nights.'"

"What was his name?" asked Lascelles, with a sudden chill.

"Abdullah—why! what's the matter?"

"Nothing," answered Lascelles; "my horse stumbled."

He was greatly startled at learning that Abdullah had aught to do with the professor's coming to Persia, and could but conclude that the same persons who were interested in FitzMallock's affairs were also concerned in the professor's. If this were the case, he was almost certain to meet Kerbelai, or the mysterious man whom he had seen in the house in Limehouse Causeway; and it was a nightmare to him to think that he must sooner or later come face to face with these accomplices in crime. He would have liked to turn back, to go somewhere where he might bury the past; but, as he thought thus, his eye caught the figure of Rose, who was riding ahead, by the side of the litter. As he watched in the dim light of the new just rising moon the graceful form, so charmingly outlined by the snug fitting habit, he felt that the ultimate reward would be worth all his anxiety and trouble.

He was disturbed by the professor's voice, who was calling him sharply.

"I beg your pardon," he said, "I was thinking."

"There," said the old gentleman, pointing ahead, "if you have ever committed a murder, Lascelles, you are safe."

"What do you mean?" asked his frightened auditor.

"That we are coming to Shah Abdul Asim, a city of refuge. No murderer can be arrested so long as he remains in the courtyard of the mosque."

"I shall turn Mahommedan tomorrow," said Lascelles, trying to laugh, "so that I may not lose such a great advantage."

They hurried through this ancient town with its surly population of thieves, insolvent debtors, and cut-throats, and towards dawn, when they were miles beyond it, set up their tents by the side of a clear and beautiful stream, under the shade of gigantic plane trees, and there they stayed during the entire day, resuming the journey only when the baking sun had disappeared in the west. The route took them by the side of the great alkaline plain called the "Valley of the Angel of Death." The salt in the soil glimmered eerily in the pale moonlight, and Rose shuddered as she saw amid the scene of desolation the bleaching bones of a camel. For hundreds of miles off to the left was no living thing, not even a blade of grass.

As they pushed on in the silent night to the ghostly accompaniment of the horses' footsteps in the soft dust, Nasrullah told them gruesome tales of the wild desert, which the lively imagination of the Persians has peopled with ghouls, and ifrits, and other horrid monsters, of whose awesome doings we have all read in the Arabian Nights. The professor translated as Nasrullah narrated, and Rose crept close to her father's side, in terrified enjoyment of the dread tales. The muleteers trembled at the audacity of Nasrullah, who thus presumed to talk of these powers of evil in their very stronghold, and muttered invocations to Allah to protect them from the consequences of his impious folly. Nasrullah, seemingly delighted at his own power as a story-teller, watched the effect of his tales with great apparent pride and satisfaction. He gave rough answer to the more timid among the men who prayed him to desist. He called them children, afraid of their own shadows, and at last went so far as to rail out defiances against the shadowy wardens of the marshes; and all the while he was listening, turning his head with expectancy, as though he would catch the first hint of the coming of the avenging ifrits; but strangely enough, he did not seem to anticipate their arrival from the desert. His head was turned as though he expected their attack from the road in front.

If Nasrullah was expecting an approach from that quarter, it was not likely that he would be disappointed; though it was no procession of ghostly visitors who were hurrying towards him at running speed. Three horsemen were urging their horses with whip and spur towards the North. Their costume bristled with the picturesque weapons of a bygone day. Their pistols, whose long carved handles projected ominously from their belts, were of the sort that Dick Turpin might have used, and their swords, which clinked against their iron stirrups from time to time, were curved as was the one which Saladin had used to sever the gossamer veil in mid-air. But across their backs were slung modern breech-loading rifles, which they were able to use with deadly accuracy. Even without these modern weapons they would, however, have been formidable adversaries, for an old-fashioned pistol, properly handled, is capable of making an inquisitive man regret once and for ever that he yielded to the temptation of looking down its barrel. Their hardy horses were comparatively fresh, notwithstanding the pace to which they were urged; but from time to time they had a chance to breathe, as their riders paused to listen. The wind was in their faces, and bore towards them faint sounds from long distances, in the clear air.

At last from far ahead, there floated to them the faint echo of a human voice. Was Nasrullah, under pretence of defying the dark spirits of the desert at the top of his voice really signalling to them? It seemed so.

As Nasrullah looked at his little band of cowardly Persians, whom superstitious terrors had now completely disheartened, he bawled more vehement defiances, to the amusement of the professor, who was startled by the vigorous flow of his language. He would have had to put a stop to this comedy, if his wife and daughter had understood Persian, as many of Nasrullah's epithets were, to put it mildly, florid in the extreme. The professor foresaw a most amusing chapter in his book on Persia—of course, he was going to write one—in which he would insert an ingenious comparison between Nasrullah's doings and those of Ajax when he took upon himself to defy the lightning.

He was interrupted in his amused meditations by a wild scream from ahead, a demoniac cry, that rose from the gloom of the night. Nothing could be seen, as the moon had gone down, but the sound of horses' hoofs could be heard, and the clanking of stirrup irons.

The demoralised Persians stopped still. Some flung themselves upon their knees in wild invocations to Allah. The cook rushed madly into the gloom of the desert. He was very fat, and fell prone, and afterwards had a tale of horror to unfold about his treatment by the pa-lis or "foot-licker," which drained him of life-blood as would a vampire bat, according to his account.

Professor Aydelott and Lascelles drew their pistols, but Nasrullah laughed.

"It is nothing," he said, "they are the couriers of the governor, or somebody like that in a hurry." He drove the pack animals, which always run loose in a caravan, to the side of the road, and the party ranged themselves in such manner as to leave the middle clear for the noisy and hurried newcomers, whose dim outlines could now be distinguished.

They howled wildly as they approached, while the waiting Persians raised their hands in supplication. The mad riders drew rein so suddenly as almost to throw their horses on their haunches. There was a second of silence, broken by a shrill scream from the litter, as the leader's horse backed against it, and set it to swinging perilously, while the animals to which it was attached became so restive as seriously to endanger the safety of its occupant. The uproarious manner of the three men, and their reckless handling of their horses, upset all the animals of the caravan. The pack-horses bolted into the desert, and the professor and Lascelles, neither of whom were accustomed to riding, were fully occupied in retaining their seats upon their frightened mounts.

Nasrullah uttered loud imprecations, and increased the confusion by cannoning against the professor who was thrown heavily to the ground. Lascelles slid from his horse and drew his pistol, but the thong of a heavy whip descended on his wrist, and the weapon fell from his disabled hand.

Rose, seeing this, was preparing to leap from her restive little Arab and seize the weapon, when suddenly the whip came down in a swinging cut across the flank of the mare. She reared, and turned, and dashed down the road. In vain Rose attempted to hold her. She bolted with the bit between her teeth.

With a loud shout, the three horsemen followed, and before the broken caravan knew what had happened, Rose and her three pursuers had vanished into the night.

(To be continued.)

BILL'S OPINION OF "THE LOST DUCHESS."

Lor'! wot a fuss they makes about a picture,
Upsettin' o' themselves for sich as that.
The papers 'eve 'ad columns all about it,
That picture of a donah in a 'at.
It may be pretty decent as a likeness,
Tho' I don't care for sich outlandish styles;
Lor' lummel wot a woppin' 'at an' fevvers!
They'd mob yer, if yer wore it dahn the Dials.
Tho' most o' them can stand a bit o' 'eadgear,
They wouldn't wear it, even in the dark.
Just fancy any donah being loony
Enough to sport it dahn at Greenwich Park!
I'd like to see a gel on Easter Monday,
A-wearin' o' that tile dahn 'Ampstead way;
There wouldn't 'arf be larks wiv them tormenters
A-playin' rahnd them fevvers all the day.
And then agin, wot price at the theayter,
If bridles like that same were all the rage,
Yer'd want some hextry-specknll hepery-glasses
To even guess at wot was on the stage.
They say that picture's worth a lot o' thick 'uns,
And painted by a chap wot knew the tricks;
It didn't do the bloke much good wot sneaked it,
For, after all, he done it in for nix.
For my part, give me them bright-coloured pictures
They give away at Christmas-time in books;
But there you are, yer can't expect a coster
To understand 'igh art, like earls and dooks.
But, bless yer 'art, that's nothing much to look at,
Altho' the gel's a decent sort o' mash.
Yer tip-top folks may put a price upon it,
Lor', love-a-ducks! I'd rayther 'ave the cash.

May 26, 1901. B. A. FLOWERS.

DEATH OF SIR E. COMMERELL

Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Edmund Commerell, V.C., G.C.B., died suddenly on Tuesday at his town house, Rutland Gate. The event was quite unexpected. He was taken suddenly ill in the early morning, and died before medical assistance arrived. Sir John had seen much service in the Baltic, the Gulf of Bothnia, and in China, and was one of the most noteworthy men in the service. He entered the Navy in 1842, and before he took part in the naval operations in connection with the Crimean War he had as a mere lad served in the River Plate. The young fellow while serving in the Black Sea and the Mediterranean performed

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which even in that heroic time directed popular attention to him and won him the Victoria Cross. Commerell despised the Ashantee's weapons just as rashly as he had death during the Crimean conflict, and as a result was seriously wounded. However, he had previously passed through the Chinese War unscathed. In 1872 the admiral was appointed aide-de-camp to the late Queen, and then was laid the foundation of a friendship which her Majesty afterwards valued highly. He was a Junior Lord of the Admiralty, Commander-in-Chief on the American and West Indian Stations, and a Unionist M.P. He was a very great

FAVOURITE WITH THE GERMAN EMPEROR,

and was almost invariably selected to be in attendance upon his Imperial Majesty and Prince Henry of Prussia during their visits to England. The admiral was rear-admiral and second in command in the Mediterranean during the Russo-Turkish War. He was gazetted vice-admiral in 1881. He entered Parliament in 1885, being elected to represent Portsmouth. Although the end was so painfully sudden, it was not unexpected in the medical sense of the term—that is to say, he had long suffered from acute gout with kidney trouble.

THE BOOKMAN.

A fascinating, irritating, useless, absurd kind of clever story is "The Lord of the Sea," by M. P. Shiel, who wrote that remarkable romance of wan and barbarism, "The Yellow Danger." Without for one moment disparaging the wierd kind of genius that could inspire such a story as "The Lord of the Sea," or the executive ability that can make it seem possible, I feel that I have wasted a good deal of time in reading it.

Mr. Shiel cannot complain as "Mdme." Sarah Grand complained of the critic who vowed he could not read her book. By the way, what is the matter with the world? Or is it the new method of advertising? "Mdme." Grand is lecturing on "Mere Man." Poor "Mere Man"! What a bad experience Madame must have had! Yes, the reviewer has read "The Lord of the Sea," and a more extraordinary lord could not possibly be imagined. The Jews will be especially interested in him. And the reader who likes a curiously original, out-of-the-way story, may find his heart's desire in Mr. Shiel's new romance. But I hope we are not to have "The Lord of the Land" to follow.

Publishers try hard to provide for every taste and desire. Here is a shilling'sworth of "1,000 Up-to-date Methods of Earning a Living." It covers a wide ground and gives a few useful hints, but not as many as you would expect. The worst of it is this kind of book sets people thinking they can make a living without hard work. They cannot unless they are thieves, and then they are in danger of a certain amount of enforced labour the only satisfaction about which is that it benefits nobody. Anyhow, the little book is worth reading. As much cannot be said for half the volumes that pour out of the press to the bewilderment of reviewers and booksellers, to say nothing of Smith's bookstalls.

By the way, how persistently the bookstall clerks seem to ticket up the worst form of the modern novel! One hopes Society is not as bad as they are. I have been to "swell" house parties in the counties, but never came across such possible immoralities and looseness of behaviour generally as came under the notice of "Elizabeth." Society may well exclaim "Save us from our friends!"

"The Homeland Handbooks" are deserving of high praise, and "Teignmouth: Its Past and Present," is not the least worthy of the best of them. It is written by Beatrix F. Cresswell, and illustrated by Gordon Home. Both have done their work admirably. Mackworth Praed was a native of Teignmouth. Keats lived there for a time, and the author's preface to "Endymion" bears the date, Teignmouth, April 10, 1818.

"All in One" is not a book, but I find it on my table and am glad to give it welcome. It is an "Imperial Anthem," written in the best spirit of the times and calculated to stir the patriotic impulse of music hall and general audiences. The music is as good as the words, and that is saying a great deal when I name the poet, Robert Dennis, a clever and popular journalist, many of whose stirring songs have appeared in our contemporary, "The Express." Mr. Joseph Gilliott is the composer, and Day and Hunter the publishers. Good luck to the new anthem:

With tramp and drum, from sea to sea resounding,
Let all the people sing
Our King to cheer, our enemies confounding,
God Save Our Gracious King!

CONFESSION OF MURDER.

HORRIBLE DEED OF THE WIFE OF A L.C.C. EMPLOYEE.

Emily Barnett, 48, Burgess-rd., East Ham, was charged, at Stratford, before Messrs. Whittingham and Chapman, with wilfully murdering her husband, Jno. Barnett, by striking him on the head with a hatchet.—Sergt. Thomas, of Forest Gate, said he was in the Barking-rd., East Ham, when prisoner came up to him and said, "I wish you would send someone round to No. 14, Burgess-rd., as I have killed my husband." Witness asked, "What do you mean?" and she answered, "You think I am joking, but I am not."—Mr. Mather (the clerk): Was she in an excited state?

GRUESOME SPECTACLE.

—Witness: She was excited. I went to 14, Burgess-rd., and in the first-floor front bedroom I saw the body of her husband, Jno. Barnett, lying on the bed. There was a large hole on the side of his head. A hatchet was on his right side, and the prisoner, pointing to this, said, "That is what I done it with. He sent his pension-book into the L.C.C. and I think it was the wrong one. Someone else had got that book, and played a hoax on him. It was 10 minutes past 10 o'clock by his watch, which was hanging on the wall when I done it."—Mr. Whittingham: Is anyone acting for prisoner?—Insp. Boughton: No, sir; she says she has no friends. There are some friends of deceased here.—Mr. Whittingham (to prisoner): If you wish to ask any questions of witness you can do so now.

A RAMBLING STATEMENT.

—Prisoner, in response to this, made a rambling kind of statement to the effect that what she had said to the sergeant was exactly what she thought. It was through the pension-book, which she believed someone had "hoaxed." Her husband was no scholar, and she did not believe he knew if the book he sent was right.—Insp. Boughton, on this evidence, asked for a remand.—Accused, who held her hand up to her head while in the dock, and did not appear to be greatly concerned in the proceedings, was then remanded.

PRISONER'S DELUSION.

Prisoner appears to have nothing else on her mind just now beyond the book she refers to. Her husband was employed by the L.C.C., and had joined their superannuation fund. The book relating to this had been sent in by him to the office to be made up, and the woman, missing it from a box where it had been kept, fancies that she has lost it, and that the book sent to the office is not the right one.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

An inquest was held on Barnett on Thursday.—John Cluney, who had worked with deceased for about five years, said deceased had frequently alluded to desponding moods of his wife. On Tuesday morning deceased told him that on the previous day his wife had rather surprised him by her actions.—The landlady of the house in which the Barnetts had lodged, told the court that she had given them notice to leave on account of Mrs. Barnett's "strange behaviour and dreadful looks."—Accused, being asked if she had any questions to put, replied, "No, sir, what has been stated is quite correct."—Verdict of wilful murder against Emily Barnett, who was committed for trial on the coroner's warrant.

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OUR OMNIBUS.

THE CONDUCTOR.

French, German, American, and even Belgian writers, discussing the war, from their own experiences at the front, have borne witness to the humanity of the British operations and to the generosity of the private soldier. Military critics who regard the war as a terrible game, to be played on the severest lines, have blamed our generals for not emulating the policy of the Germans in the war with France, as in the end the most merciful to both sides. Boers themselves, women particularly, have expressed their gratitude to Tommy Atkins for his kindness to

STEAD AND HIS BUBBLES.

themselves and his tender regard for their children. It has been left to skunks and liars at home to traduce the honour and charity of our troops. Not the least offender in this respect is Mr. Stead, the editor of "The Review of Reviews." It has only happened once in a way that the lies of the Pro-Boer press have been challenged and answered in Parliament; but the latest instance may be fairly quoted as an example of the rest.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday night Mr. Bartley asked:—

Whether any inquiry has been instituted into the charge recently made against a sentry at St. Helena of having shot a Boer prisoner dead whilst singing a hymn during the service of the Christian Endeavour Society, and whether any report has been received by him; if so, will he state the effect of it?

Mr. Brodrick in reply said:—

The reports from the officer commanding the troops at St. Helena show that there is no truth whatever in the statements made, which appeared in "The Review of Reviews." The Boer prisoner alluded to as being shot at St. Helena was endeavouring to climb over the wire fencing enclosing the prisoners' camp in the early morning before daylight. This assertion, like others persistently disseminated by this journal, is untrue and mischievous.

The canting suggestion that the man was singing a hymn during a religious service is worthy of the type of "Christian" to which certain of the "Little Englanders" belong, whose flagrant hypocrisies tend to empty chapels and churches and foster unbelief.

We have had many letters from the front protesting against the circulation through the Cape mails of libels on the Army. The Boers, too, have received these missives, as well as reports in certain once reputable English journals, containing statements and opinions calculated to prolong the war. But for this kind of seditious literature, correspondents at the front say, there would have been a general submission months ago. We have reason to know that "The People" has a large circulation among the troops in South Africa, and, in answer to many of their inquiries, we want them to understand that the men who send out pestiferous pamphlets and disloyal newspapers, represent but a mere handful as compared with the vast populations of Great Britain who are proud of the troops, grateful to them, and ready, if need were, to join their ranks in defence of the Empire.

A handfull of busybodies, with money at their back, can make a seemingly great stir with paper and print. Truth, however, will prevail in the end, and it will be the Boers more than ourselves who will have cause to hate those renegade Englishmen who, having helped to bring about the war, have done their best to postpone the blessings of peace.

THE ACTOR.

The latest addition to our singing actresses is Miss Lily Hanbury, who has a vocal solo in "A Royal Rival," and acquits herself very well in it. She also shows, as the itinerant "entertainer," some capacity for dancing. As so many playgoers know, Miss Eva Moore sings a little song in the last act of "The Wilderness," and very prettily she does it, but then she comes of a musical family, for is not her sister Decima a prima donna in comic opera, and is not her sister Bertha a well-known concert vocalist? Miss Julia Neilson, again, has a song to sing nightly in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury."

It is pleasant to know that on Monday Arthur Roberts will once more be established in a West End theatre. He is an extremely "mannered" actor, and sometimes is at once so verbose and so rapid in his verbosity as to come very near to boring at least some in his audience. He might, I think, be a little less in evidence than he usually is in the pieces he himself produces, but there can be no doubt that, when in the vein, and when not too voluble, he is genuinely droll. His gift for expressive comic pantomime is truly great, and I wish he utilised it more frequently. His mimicry of a woman "taking down" and "putting up" her hair is positively side-splitting.

Fancy having Jo among us again! It seems an age since the little chivied street Arab, so admirably portrayed by Miss Jennie Lee, was in our midst. There has been more than one Jo, but Miss Lee's is the only one which has remained in the memory of the public. It has been the artistic triumph of her life—so much so that she has scarcely been permitted to play anything else. Few remember the days when she shone in burlesque of the old-fashioned sort—the days in which she enacted a young crossing-sweeper in "Little Faust," her success in which character very possibly suggested her subsequent appearance as Jo.

In a few days Mr. Brandon Thomas will once more be before us as a dramatic author, albeit only of an adaptation from the French. I wonder by how many people he is known to be the writer of "Charley's Aunt"? That play has had a long and wide-spread renown, but experience tells me that the public, however much it may enjoy a play, is quite indifferent as to the authorship of it, and that the successful actor is much more celebrated or notorious than the writer who has given him, perhaps, the one great opportunity of his career. It must further be confessed that Mr. Thomas has not yet given us a second "Charley's Aunt."

Though it is long since Lady Bancroft trod the boards, her pen, at any rate, has not been idle. That it is a fluent and vivacious pen, her share in "Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft on and off the Stage," has made very clear. She has also composed, I believe, some very respectable verses. In writing for the stage, curiously enough, she has not been conspicuously successful. She produced in 1880 a piece called "A Riverside Story," and, two years later, an adaptation, called "My Daughter," but they did not exactly set the Thames on fire. She is now going to contribute a little one-act piece to the programme of a benefit matinée on June 3 and 4.

Mr. Forbes Dawson having announced a new play, to be entitled "The Blackmailers," "The Stage" has very properly reminded him that a piece so named was produced at a London theatre one afternoon in 1894. That piece, however, has never been reproduced, and its authors, probably, will make no objection to Mr. Dawson's use of the title. If that active and popular playwright had called his drama "Blackmail," he would have been in still worse case, for that title has been utilised at least three times already, and on the last occasion so recently as 1896.

MR. WHEELER.

I am going to tempt Providence—I realise the risk—but I will take the chance. I have just skinned my knuckles tapping the glass which stands at set fair. It is as steady as a rock. Therefore let us congratulate ourselves on a glorious Whitsuntide holiday. The Portsmouth road is almost perfect, I am assured by a friend who came up to town this week. The Brighton road after Purley Corner is quite good going. The Northern roads, I was told but two days ago, were in splendid condition. The Bath road is good, but a trifle loose and dusty, but, of course, there will be dust everywhere this week.

When these lines are read my readers will be spread far afield at every point of the compass. I hope their machines will run well and sweetly. Though the Whitsun holidays are short they fall at a time when wheelfolk are fit and, as a rule, when the clerk of the weather is in a favourable mood. The evenings, too, are long and the temperature not treacherous. At the time of penning these lines the sun is shining somewhat strong for comfort, but your real tourist lies snugly in the shade of a wood during the heat of the day and gets his mileage covered in the cool of the early mornings and the long evenings.

These are days when medical journals and alarmists are apt to cry out against cycling—particularly for ladies. There are few riders who frequent the Ripley and the North roads who have not seen Mrs. Coles-Webb cycling either with her husband on a tandem or by herself on a single. There are not a few who have attempted to "hold on" to that graceful lady rider when she has been riding fast. Suffice it to say that this lady, who is quite one of the best known lady riders in the cycling world, fell a victim to typhoid fever. After lingering between life and death, Mrs. Coles-Webb has now recovered, inasmuch as she was riding as usual last week on the Ripley road. Her medical man is convinced that nothing but the increased muscularity of the heart, due to previous cycling, saved her in the hour of danger, which she has recently passed through. One hears so much of the supposed dangers to be derived from wheeling that I gladly chronicle this fact.

One of the landmarks of Long Ditton is to disappear from that pretty Surrey village. Old Jack Keen, the man who ought to have made a fortune out of cycling, but didn't, is about to move to the North of London. The famous old professional rider is opening a cycle agency and repair depot in the Station-rd., Finchley. All cyclists who remember "the old boss" will no doubt stay by the wayside on their way northwards and wish him luck in his new venture. Jack Keen is one of the relics of the very old days of our pastime.

The Ripley road was very crowded—uncomfortably so—on Sunday last. At the White Lion at Cobham there were all the members of the Bath Road Club assembled together for the annual club photograph. I was most glad to see the late editor of "The Bath Road News," "Mary Ann" Trevor, looking quite recovered from his terrible accident. On Pain Hill I found W. Bramson, the old ordinary amateur champion, in difficulties with a large motor-car. There were cycling celebrities to be met at every corner of the road. The gatherings at Ditton and at Ripley were quite representative of the old days. By-the-bye the Talbot at Ripley has again changed hands, and the present management appear to be most anxious to supply a quick and good luncheon to cyclists.

Tandems, and especially mixed crews, seem to be more popular this year than ever. I have seldom seen as many double machines as during the past fortnight on the Southern roads. On the other hand, triplets and quads which once were seen so frequently of a Sunday are seldom seen. The majority of mixed crews nowadays are of the type on which the lady rides on the back seat. In my days of tandem riding I was a strong advocate of lady-front tandems. The tide apparently has turned to lady-back machines. I still maintain that the lady-front is by far the most graceful machine, and must be more pleasant for the lady rider. However, I am assured by present experts that the other type of machine is both faster and safer; at any rate, it is the more popular this year.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

Apropos of my remarks in our last issue of birds showing daring when acting together, I have received the following note from a correspondent of Shepherd's Bush Green, W.:—"Some few years ago a friend and I were in a small sailing boat cruising about the bay between Charlestown and the headland known as Black Head, in Cornwall. Two young gulls were on the water, and, thoughtlessly, I tried to catch one, the chase lasting some time, but just when I made sure of succeeding a peculiar cry was heard, and suddenly, when all before had been quiet, a great commotion arose. The gulls like a cloud came off from the cliffs, and screaming, whirling, and flapping their wings, literally drove us from their neighbourhood. My friend, an experienced sailor, was so alarmed and afraid of the boat being turned over, that he hauled down the sails and took to the oars. Forgetting all about the young birds, we were only too glad to get away in safety."

At a meeting of the Zoological Society on Tuesday last, an interesting specimen was exhibited in the shape of a hind foot of the Canadian beaver, with duplicate claws on the second toe. This abnormality is said to be not uncommon in both the American and European beavers, and the suggestion for its use is that of a comb to cleanse its fur of dirt, ticks, and other parasites.

I am obliged to a correspondent of Northampton for the following note on an interesting instance of maternal instinct in the cat:—"A cat here had some kittens, all of which were destroyed except one, and this one and its mother slept in the same box as another cat which was in expectation of having a family. While a stack of hay near by was being removed, a nest of three young rabbits was found, and one of them was accidentally killed. This was brought home and thrown into the oats, but instead of their eating it they began to fondle it. Upon seeing this the two live rabbits were put in the box, and both of the cats (the other had now got its family) took it in turns to fondle and suckle them.

The black-faced kangaroo, of which animal the King has recently deposited a fine specimen in the Zoo, is a variety of the great grey kangaroo, the largest and best known of all this group of animals. The fur of the present form is of a dark brown colour, and differs from that of the grey kangaroo in

HEAD OF THE BLACK-FACED KANGAROO.

being black on the face, a character which has led some naturalists to look upon it as a distinct species, and to give it the distinguishing name of the black-faced kangaroo. It is also smaller than the typical form, and not so stoutly built. East and South-east Australia is the home of this kangaroo, while the larger form is found over the whole of Australia, with the exception of the extreme north. The specimen in the Zoo is a very large one, and when standing erect measures close on 5ft. Its tail is nearly 3ft. in length.

Black-faced kangaroos are generally met with in small herds, but at some periods of the year the old males detach themselves from their families and live solitary lives. Formerly they were much more abundant than they are now, this latter state being due to the attacks on them of the dingoes, and to the advance of civilisation, which is always attended with the clearing out of animals from the localities that are taken up for agriculture. Although a very timid and wary animal, and taking to flight on the least alarm, when brought to bay it becomes a formidable antagonist, and can work great mischief with its short front legs and large hind toes. When striking with the latter it throws the whole of its weight on its muscular inflexible tail. The young are carried in the pouch for weeks, until able to forage for themselves; but when out of it and in danger, they speedily return to it, and either jump in themselves or are put in by their mothers. The leaps of the kangaroo are enormous, and measure sometimes as much as 10 or 12 yards.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending May 21 include an African elephant, a Macaque monkey, a Guinea baboon, 10 American black snakes, an Algerian tortoise, two barred doves, a Japanese deer (born in the Gardens), a black-faced kangaroo, an Arctic fox, a red howler, an ibex, a shag, an Allen's porphyrio, a kinkajou, a feline dourouculi, a Cornis snake, and two common teal.

Those of my friends who pay a visit to the Zoo on Bank Holiday or during the Whitsun week—and there are sure to be a great many—should not fail to see the small African elephant, which, as mentioned in the foregoing list, has just arrived. It is quite a baby, and stands not much more than four feet in height. Other animals of interest are the series of wild pigs, including two from the King's Windsor herd, the Grèvy's zebra, also from Windsor, Humboldt's lagothrix (in the monkey house), the sloth and anteaters and the many other remarkable creatures in the Ape's House, the two giraffes, and the fine collection in the Reptile House, which includes a magnificent python considerably over twenty feet in length and of enormous girth. This specimen, I am given to understand, makes its meals off live goats.

WILL WORKMAN.

Last week I wrote about the great decrease in the population of Ireland, and told how it had fallen off nearly one-half in the last 60 years; but since then the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, in a speech made at Dublin last Saturday evening, said that "the poverty that existed in the South of Ireland was caused by over population," and now the question arises: What is over-population? Suppose we take as an illustration the case of a manufacturing town—say, Northampton—with a population of 100,000 (and not one too many, for all are fully employed and prosperous), no one could say that Northampton is over-populated.

But suppose, for some reason or other, half the shoe factories of Northampton were closed and the workpeople thrown out of employment, thousands of them would have to move away from the town; but we should not say in that case that there was too much population in Northampton. We should say there was too little work, and that is just what is the matter in Ireland.

Compare Ireland with Belgium, and we find that Belgium, on 11,000 square miles of land, supports 6½ millions of people, or 548 to the square mile. Ireland, with over 32,000 square miles (nearly three times as big), can only support 4½ millions, or about 140 to the square mile. But the industries of Belgium have been fostered by protection, while those of Ireland have been killed by Free Trade, and that makes all the difference.

Talking about trade, I have just been reading the annual report of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, and I am glad to find that if (as some folks say) British trade is declining, certainly the records of that port do not show it. It shews that the value of exports from San Francisco to Great Britain have increased from nine million dollars in 1899 to over 13 million dollars in 1900; the total amount exported to other European countries only amounting to 400,000 dollars worth.

On the other hand, it is pleasing to find that British imports into San Francisco show a steady increase of nearly a million dollars since 1899. The shipping figures also look well, showing that out of a total of 409 vessels flying foreign flags which arrived at the port during 1900, 275 were British. The total tonnage is put down as 800,000 tons, of which nearly 600,000 tons were British.

I see the bishops have been "at it again." They seem to have come to the conclusion that they cannot get us to church; and so now they want to get us in prison. The idea now is to make betting a criminal offence. They are not satisfied with fining a poor fellow who has a shilling on a "gee-gee," they want to lock him up. One of them said he "had watched for an hour and a half a man who took up his position at a street corner for the purpose of receiving bets. He had the man arrested and fined."

All I can say is that it is a great pity that bishop has not got something better to do with his time. They are never tired of telling us how wicked we all are, and how much worse we are getting. The working classes (so they say) drink more than ever, and bet more than ever, and are a very bad lot generally; but if this is true—which it is not—whose fault is it? Who are the people supposed to keep us morally and spiritually straight? Why, the bishops, of course. It does no great credit to the shepherds for them to be always telling how the sheep go astray.

PIPER PAN.

In accordance with the wishes of a large number of friends and admirers of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan, his memory is to be fittingly perpetuated by an appropriate memorial, for which purpose £500 has already been subscribed. There is no doubt that a very large sum will be realised now that the matter has been made public, and the executive committee appointed to the fund hope to fulfil the three following objects:—The erection of a monument in St. Paul's Cathedral, an Arthur Sullivan scholarship divided between the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, and the placing of a bust or statue of the deceased musician in some public position in London.

For the last object it is thought that a site in the Embankment Gardens, just in front of the Savoy Theatre, would be particularly appropriate. Sir Arthur Sullivan was so intimately associated with the theatre and its surroundings, that no better place could be found, but the matter cannot be decided until the necessary permission from the proper authorities has been obtained. I note that the Vaudeville management (some of whom were confrères of Sir Arthur in the past) will give a special matinée for his memorial fund, and their example will, doubtless, be followed by others.

Several highly interesting letters of Richard Wagner have lately been published. In one he says, "'Tristan and Isolde' is the most extravagant of my works." And in another, written shortly before his death, an ardent longing is expressed by the great composer that he may live long enough to see his young son, Siegfrid, achieve fame.

Opera costume recitals will be given by favourite singers of the Carl Rosa Co. at various holiday towns throughout the summer months. The season begins at Rhyl on Monday, the artists being Misses Burgess and Jones, Messrs. Brophy, Deane, Marcel, Bevan, and Van Noorden. Songs and concerted numbers from the Sullivan operas are included in the repertory of the party.

The first of a series of Artists' Popular Concerts will be given at St. James's Hall on June 6, when a remarkably strong list of eminent public favourites are announced to appear, including Misses Evangeline Florence, Marian McKenzie, Johanna Heyman, Messrs. Maurice Farkoa, Joseph O'Mara, Denis O'Sullivan, Arthur Royd, and R. C. Hers. A special feature at these concerts will be the Century Orchestra for wind and string, conducted by Johann Davids.

Last Sunday the West Pier Co., at Brighton, for the first time tried the experiment of vocalists at the afternoon concert, and the innovation was a great success. The directors wisely chose two young singers of eminence and popularity in Miss Victoria Milbank and Mr. Penderell Price, who deservedly won encores for nearly all their songs, Miss Milbank being specially successful in Julian Clifford's charming song, "Spring."

The committee of the Joachim Quartet Concerts have arranged with the celebrated violinist and his colleagues for a series of six concerts in the spring of 1902.

Dr. Richter has been conducting a local festival at Blackpool, a performance of the Brahm's "Requiem" being specially successful. Dr. Richter will, after all, go to Bayreuth and conduct some of the representations, probably the first "Ring" cycle.

OLD IZAAK.

Anglers have little reason to complain of the week's weather, although the nights and mornings have been colder than might be desired. The Thames is in capital condition for fishing, and some good trout have lately been taken. The best, a fine 8½lb. fish, was taken by Mr. G. Sinibaldi, live-baiting with a bleak at Molesey Weir. Mr. D. Wilson, of Chertsey, has caught one of 8lb.; Mr. T. W. Gomm one of 5½lb., and one of 6½lb. was landed by Mr. H. G. Gomm, fishing with "Otter Hone," of Staines, on Monday last. There is nothing noteworthy to report from the Lee.

Thanks to the Thames Angling Preservation Society, and the kindness of the authorities, the police are more than ever on the alert as to offences against the fishery by-laws. One offender has already been caught, and a charge of netting small perch and other fish from the Ash, a little stream flowing into the river in the Sunbury district, will come before the local bench in consequence.

Just now, flat fish only are likely to reward the salt water angler, but the bass and mullet will soon be putting in an appearance, and some of the former may possibly even now be caught. The following will be the times of high water on the afternoon of Monday next at the places named:—Cromer, 3h. 1m.; Yarmouth, 4h. 48m.; Brighton and Deal, 6h. 52m.; Margate and Ramsgate, 7h. 18m.; Southend and Burnham, 7h. 34m. On Sunday the afternoon tide will be rather more than an hour earlier, and on Tuesday to the same extent later than the times named for Monday.

Mr. F. T. Coles, president of the Birmingham and District United Angling Association, last week presented the many prizes won by competitors in the recent show of stuffed fresh water fish, held at Bingley Hall, and commenting upon the benefits likely to accrue from similar exhibitions, urged the desirability of keeping up a good standard, by returning small fish to the water. The exhibition was a pronounced success, and Mr. Coles, Mr. J. Gregory, of Tamworth (judge), Mr. C. White, and Mr. Stanley, were all heartily thanked for their services in connection with it.

There was a goodly gathering of the Bermondsey Brothers on the occasion of their annual supper, held at the Woolpack, Bermondsey-st., on Tuesday last. Mr. Mackrill, of the United Brothers, Deptford, presided. A good musical programme followed, and a heavy prize list was announced.

The 27th annual dinner of the Anchor and Hope Angling Society, held at the Thomas à Becket, Old Kent-rd., over which "Old Izaak" presided last week, is stated to have been among the best yet held by the society. There was a record attendance, including many distinguished visitors, and the admirably-served dinner, good music, and heavy prize list, left nothing to be desired. Mr. W. Musgrave ably occupied the vice-chair, and Messrs. W. J. Wade and C. Cannar officiated as stewards. Mr. W. Broughton, Mr. G. W. Roberts, Mr. C. Arrow, Mr. H. Mallet, jun., Mr. Ben Brown, Mr. W. Cartwright, and others, contributed to the evening's enjoyment, and the members were greatly pleased to have their host, Mr. G. W. Duck among them in renewed health. The prize distribution takes place on Wednesday next.

Not less interesting or successful was the 16th annual dinner of the New Albion Piscatorials, held at the Bridge House Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. J. Sceats; Mr. H. Padbury occupying the vice-chair. Mr. W. F. Grimmett responded to the toast of the society, of which he was one of the founders, and the names of Mr. E. Collinson (St. Ives) and Mr. A. R. Matthews were coupled with other toasts. No less than 462lb. of excellent fish were weighed in during the past season (bad as it was), and some fine specimens among them. An exceptionally good musical programme formed a feature of the evening.

I am glad to hear officially that the Thames Conservancy have considerately postponed the alterations intended to be made at Bell Weir for another month, so that the coarse fish spawning may not be interfered with; a graceful act, for which all anglers will thank them. It is by no means the first time the board have rendered a service to the fraternity, and it is to be feared their help in many ways is not so widely known or appreciated as it deserves to be.

If we may credit Sir Charles Dilke, from what appears in "The Globe" of Wednesday last, there are so many young fish now in the river that "it is hardly possible, one would think, to increase their number, for there would not be room for them to grow." He laments the loss of otters, and the diminution in the number of the breeding swans, and would apparently encourage every enemy the poor fishes have. The preservation societies, of course, would have to go, and restocking is needless if this is true. Let me assure him that anglers have no desire to exterminate any of the creatures named, but they rightly wish to keep them from depleting the fishery; the present condition of which has cost years of labour and the expenditure of much money to bring about.

The 10th annual dinner and prize distribution of the Epsom Angling Society, over which Mr. J. Tryon very ably presided, was held at the Spread Eagle, Epsom, on Tuesday last, about 50 members and friends attending. Mr. J. R. Richardson occupied the vice-chair. Mr. E. B. Jay, J.P., C.C., gave the toast of the society, and Mr. J. A. Bucknill that of "Kindred Clubs and Societies." The toasts were interspersed with some excellent music, and a most enjoyable evening resulted. Great regret was expressed that Mr. F. W. Coles, the esteemed president of the society, was not well enough to attend.

Mr. W. H. Beckett presided over the Anglers' Association delegate meeting on Monday last, representatives from 55 clubs attending, and other clubs were enrolled. Following the example of the Central Association, a handsome silver cup is offered for competition among the members, which is to be fished for in the Anglers' Association water on the Grand Junction Canal. The Huntingdon water is to be given up. Several matters relative to illegal practices on the Lee, and in the Stour at Bures, were dealt with before the meeting closed.

Space prevents me noting all the dinners and doings of the past week, but I may mention the dinner of the Kynaston Anglers, held at the Prince of Wales, Kynaston-rd., Stoke Newington, over which Mr. C. Mansfield, Deputy Mayor of West Ham, presided, and at which an excellent report was presented. The supper and prize distribution of the Seymour Brothers, held at the Grafton Arms, Grafton-st., was also a great success.

MADAME.

The Paris gown depicted in our illustration is composed of printed delaine and batiste. The delaine has a coloured pattern in mauve on a white ground, and the corselet skirt is draped over an underskirt of accordion-pleated batiste. The corselet waist is cut in scallops, and surmounted by a deep band of coarse lace, forming a considerable part of the bodice. There is a very simple yoke of tucked delaine, and a collarband of mauve retin. Mauve crêpe de chine or chiffon is used to drape the shoulders, and finish with rosette and hanging ends. The sleeves are novel in shape, and are caught in twice with lace-bands.

THE PARIS GOWN.

Now that Whitsuntide is upon us we may be said to have fairly commenced the summer season, and light outdoor toilettes are the order of the day. There is a bewildering variety of dress materials, and at prices to suit all purses. All kinds of dainty floral muslins and foulards vie with mercerised lawns, delaines, and grenadines, in seeking to win our favour. Voile promises to be as popular this summer as last, and there are some very charming mixtures of silk and wool taffetas and poplins.

There is nothing really prettier or more useful than a foulard dress; it is equally adapted for smart or ordinary occasions, and is to be obtained in a dazzling variety, at prices ranging from 1s. 3½d. to 2s. 6½d. per yard, and does not require very much trimming, as the silk in itself is so decorative. It can be made up very smartly with a transparent vest or yoke of lace, with a dainty collar-band and cuffs or under-sleeves of same. The skirt could be flounced and trimmed with lace insertion to match. A charming hat to wear with this costume would be a rather coarse blue straw trimmed very simply with bows of silk and cherries, red berries, or cornflowers.

A pretty dress I saw lately consisted of two kinds of foulard, plain and figured. The bodice was made with a small bolero of the plain material opening over an underbodice of the figured, and fastened with tiny gilt buttons, the same idea was carried out in the skirt.

Flounced skirts are very popular for present wear, and numberless tiny flounces adorn the skirt from hem to knee, each flounce being finished off on the edge with narrow gathered ribbon. A pretty idea for a floral muslin would be to have China ribbon of the same colour as the flowers, machine stitched or gathered on to each flounce.

A summer mantle is a matter of consideration for matrons at the present time, and our sketch shows a charming model which may be carried out in either silk or satin. The yoke is of the fashionable style in tucked chiffon, and it is festooned with loops of chiffon, which are brought round to the front and fasten under the chin with a rosette and long ends finished again with a rosette. The high collar will be found to be most becoming, and is frilled round the edge with ruches of chiffon. The hem of the mantle follows the shape of the yoke, and is similarly festooned with loops of chiffon.

A SUMMER MANTLE.

Washing China ribbon may be obtained in a variety of colours at a small cost, and is really a pretty and effective trimming for light dresses in the hands of a skilful dressmaker.

One of the most popular garments of the present season for outdoor wear is undoubtedly the bolero in its many varied forms, and answers all the requirements of our English climate. It has the advantage also of showing off a pretty blouse or bodice. Some very smart ones are made of black glace silk elaborately tucked and stitched with white. These can be worn very effectively with a coloured blouse and skirt. The blouse, like the poor, is always with us, and we have quite given up the idea of trying to live without it.

Charming blouses of Japanese silk trimmed with coarse cream-coloured lace and insertion may be bought from as low as 10s. 6d. Dainty slips of net and lace appliqued with tiny gold beads and studded with brilliants worn over cream under-slips of silk or satin are very popular for evening wear. No costume is complete without a lace scarf or chiffon ruffle.

Very handsome ruffles of black edged with white, and white edged with black, with long flowing ends are being shown, they are rather expensive to buy, as they are very quickly soiled, but as chiffon is to be bought so cheaply, they can be made at small cost by the home worker.

Some very pretty fichus and collars of lace are to be seen in the shop windows in a bewildering variety. A fichu is very useful for transforming a plain or shabby bodice into one dressy enough to wear on occasions when one does not want to wear evening dress and yet appear smart.

Happy are the possessors of lace in these days when lace appears on almost everything, and nothing could be prettier or more becoming. Long may the fashion continue.

The gloves that are being worn this season are very delicate shades of fawn and grey, and, of course, white and black. White and light gloves are rather expensive wear in London, as they are very easily soiled, and have to go to the cleaners after being worn a few times.

The craze for neck-chains still continues; every second woman one meets displays one made of Venetian beads, amethysts, or some other stone. It is a very pretty fashion, but, as usual, it is in danger of being carried to excess, as every fashion is. The loose beads may be bought very cheaply in all varieties, and the neckchains copied from the ones displayed in the shop windows at far less cost than buying one ready-made.

Then there are the enamel buttons, and quaint buckles, and many other dainty little conceits, which are so dear to the feminine heart; the little trifles that seem so insignificant, but which make all the difference between the well and indifferently dressed woman, and which, alas! makes such a big hole in our dress allowances.

PATTERN ORDER FORM.

Send orders to "People" Office, and mark envelope "Madame."

Description.	Measurements.	Description.	Measurements.
1. Neck, round		7. Sleeve, to elbow-arm	
2. Waist		8. Sleeve, coat	
3. Bust		9. Sleeve, to elbow	
4. Skirt length, underarm seam		10. Sleeve, to wrist	
5. Sleeve, inside		11. Skirt, front	
6. Chest		12. Skirt, back	
6. Back (with pointed bodice)		13. Hip, round	
7. Front length of bodice		14. Centre waist, front	
8. Arm, underseam, sleeve to wrist		15. Centre waist, back	

A narrow piece of tape should be laid round the waist, and accurate measurements made from it.

Stock patterns are as follows:—

No.	Bust	No.	Waist
1	32in.	1	24in.
2	34in.	2	26in.
3	36in.	3	28in.

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LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

At the weekly meeting a county rate for the first half of the current year of 7.5d. in the pound was carried.—A recommendation of the Technical Education Board for the establishment of a day training college for teachers in connection with the University of London, at an estimated annual cost of £2,800, was, after discussion, carried by a large majority.—It was agreed to erect, at a cost of £17,660, additional buildings at the Farnfield Home for Feeble Inebriates.—The Council adjourned till June 18 for the Whitsuntide recess.

LONDON SCHOOL BOARD.

At the weekly meeting a series of resolutions with regard to the Education Bill of the Government, recommended by the joint committee of the School Management and Evening Continuation Schools Committees, were moved by Mr. Stanley. The first, declaring that the Bill neither provides nor prepares the way for providing a satisfactory solution of the education question, was rejected in favour of an amendment declaring that the circumstances affecting education in London differ so widely from those existing in the counties and county boroughs as to require special treatment. Other resolutions, advocating the maintenance in London of the School Board unimpaired, and proposing various amendments in the Bill, were carried, after considerable discussion, and it was decided to embody the resolutions in a petition to the House of Commons.

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JACK ALLROUND.

TO WATERPROOF A CLOAK OR COAT.—The garment must be clean, well brushed, and free from all dust, and without lining. Take for ingredients equal parts of isinglass, alum, and soap and water sufficient to dissolve each separately. When dissolved, mix the solution together and apply the mixture on the wrong side of the cloth, which should be well imbued with it. After this let it dry, then well brush the cloth with a dry brush first and follow with a light brushing, dipping the brush in water this time.

EXTERMINATION OF ANTS.—I am much obliged to "Mrs. P. F.," who, with a fellow-feeling for those of my correspondents who have lately appealed to me when tormented by ants writes to say she wishes to make it known that the following simple remedy she has found, if followed up for a time, successfully exterminates ants as well as black beetles. She uses equal proportions of castor sugar and borax, well mixed, and put in their haunts.

DEVONSHIRE LUNCHEON CAKES.—For ingredients allow to four pounds of flour, 15 eggs, a pound and a half of butter, a pound and a half of sugar, one pound of currants, one pound sultanas, half a pound of chopped peel, one ounce of baking powder, a pint and a half of milk, a small pinch of spice, and a quarter of a grated nutmeg. Mix the powder with the flour and sift them together once or twice. Rub the butter and sugar in a pan large enough to hold the entire mixture, should the weather be cold warm the pan by the fire to soften the butter, but not to melt it on any account, or it will spoil the mixture. When the butter is softened, beat it and the sugar together till they look like thick whipped cream, then begin to add the eggs one at a time, beating the mixture to a cream after each egg is added. Work at this beating in a steady, even manner, always moving your arm round in the same direction with a steady beat until all are in and beaten into a smooth cream. Add the milk, fruit, spices, mixing them well in, finally lightly mix the flour in and put the mixture into nicely papered tin or tins, according as you wish for one or several cakes, and bake in a good sound oven.

FURNITURE POLISH AND CLEANER COMBINED.—This will suit my correspondents who have written about their pianofortes, tables, sideboards, etc., equally well. Those who have rosewood or dark mahogany or wish to darken the wood they have to polish, let them get one pint of boiled linseed oil and put in it one ounce of bruised alkaret root. Let the mixture stand for three or four days according to the depth of darkness required, then strain the oil through a piece of muslin. If the furniture is of oak or very light coloured wood, do not use the alkaret root. In either case add to the pint of linseed oil four ounces of yellow wax cut in shavings, stand the vessel in a hot water bath till the wax is melted, then mix it with half a pint spirits of turpentine, and half a pint vinegar, and when all are incorporated, mixed or shaken together, wet a woollen rag with the polish, and rub the woodwork hard and well, always going with the grain of the wood. You will soon see the "cloudy," or dried-up appearances vanish before your hands, as the polish and cleanser brightens all before it. As soon as each piece is done bring up the full gloss, with a smart polishing with a piece of clean, soft flannel, followed by rubbing with a soft cloth.

SOFTENING AND CURING SKINS.—It is impossible for me to describe separately how to manipulate the variety of skins, large and small, from buffalo and zebra to dogs and rabbits, that some 16 correspondents have applied to me about—some killed recently, and others "cured in a manner," or "hard as a board," &c. I can only speak in general terms. The following method may be applied to all, large and small, as indicated below. As to the hard and dried, but now unusable, skins, they must be soaked in cold water till quite soft, then look them over and scrape or cut away all flesh, fat, &c., that may have been left on; and those that are dirty, as they generally are in this condition, had better be washed in tepid soap suds, wringing each out of the soap suds. Do not rinse them; the soap that remains in is beneficial. Next comes the curing liquor for all alike—large or small, hard or stale, or freshly killed. The quality of the liquor is the same; but, of course, the quantity to be prepared must be regulated according to the amount of skins to be treated, only let the proportions of the ingredients be duly observed. To five gallons of soft water add 3lb. of common salt, and stir till dissolved. Then add slowly and well stir in 1½lb. of commercial sulphuric acid, and put in the skins and let them remain for four or five days for the largest skins, such as lion, bullock, etc., down to four or five hours for such small skins as the squirrel, rat, &c. When they have had their due time in the pickle, rinse in soft cold water, wring out, and hang in the shade to dry, with as much of a current of dry air, without sun, as you can get on them. When about half dry, begin and from that keep on pulling and handling, until they are quite dry. Rub any hard edges or corners with pumice-stone before they are quite finished. A little whiting rubbed in with the pumice-stone, when judiciously done, greatly improves the inside or leather side of the skin. Rub, brush, or comb out the hair, and the hide is finished. It may sound easy, but skin-dressing depends not so much on the recipe as on the intelligent skill of the worker. It requires a great deal of patience and care bestowed on the pulling and handling while drying to make the skin come out soft. Treated properly as above, the skins may be made to come out as soft as chamois leather, and all the others as soft in comparison. To test the quality of the curing liquor, it should taste as sharp as vinegar, but not burn the tongue. It may make your hands smart if you have a scratch on them; but you need not mind, it is very healing.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is to be entertained at a public luncheon on the occasion of his laying the memorial stone of the Walsham How Memorial at Wakefield on June 12.

The annual general meeting of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows will be held in Leeds during Whitsuntide, under the presidency of Grand Master J. Mathia.

"YOUNG ITALY" IN LONDON.

HOW DESERVING ALIENS LIVE.

Public attention has during the past week been attracted, by reason of certain Police Court proceedings, to the young Italians who are said to infest the areas of West End establishments, and to all intents and purposes play the part of beggars. These little Savoyards would seem on the other hand to lend a certain amount of picturesqueness to a somewhat prosaic city, and while it has been suggested that the immigration of Italian beggars has of late, become intolerable, the carefully kept registers at the Italian Consulate conclusively show that every man, woman, or boy, hailing from Sunny Italy's shores is either assured of a means of livelihood in this country, or is sent back to the land of his or her birth. Time was, not so long ago, when Saffron Hill was regarded as the only Italian Colony in London. The tortuous streets leading from Eyre-st. Hill, and in close proximity to the Italian Church in Hatton Garden, once comprised "Little Italy," and many Londoners remember with pleasure participating in that great festival of the church in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. After the religious procession of the day, when priests in their vestments, women in Neapolitan costumes, and children in spotless white parade the dingy streets singing "Faith of Our Fathers" and other Catholic hymns, the whole evening is devoted to general enjoyment of a subdued kind. At the top of Eyre-st. Hill is erected an arch, which is usually a thing of beauty if not a joy for ever. Every window is illuminated at dusk with candles and coloured lamps, and when the "festa" is at its height the scene viewed from the triumphal archway reminds one, even in London, of the sunny south, and of the beautiful city which lies at the base of Mount Vesuvius. This festival takes place in July. It is the Italians' only "Bank Holiday." Then they enjoy themselves to their hearts' content; but, on other occasions, when Harry and Harriet "go out," the denizen of London's Italy is at their bidding—always obliging, never aggressive, but, strange to say, generally abused. The whole of the Italians of London do not live at the present time in the district of Saffron Hill, for important Italian colonies have been formed in Hammersmith and in Deptford; but, wherever they live and whatever they do, it has been long since laid down as a condition by the Italian Consulate and by the Fathers of the Italian Church that every son or daughter arriving in England

ITALIAN BOY SELLING IMAGES.

MUST EARN HIS OR HER LIVING.

In the words of the Rev. Father Banning, of the Hatton Garden Church, who kindly granted a "People" representative an interview, the whole subject is thus summed up: "Here and there, within sound of the great bell which calls them to their devotions, live a colony of 3,000 Italian people. Almost without exception they are all honest, sober, and industrious. All have to make a living for themselves; but, unlike other aliens, they don't come over to this country for the purpose of taking bread out of the Englishman's mouth. Italians always supply a want in every country they go to. Here the 'want' they supply is that of itinerant musicians, plaster or parian model sellers, and ice-cream vendors. They are a peaceful people, and while they remain here they are perfectly loyal. It is untrue if it is stated that these people live in stables and hovels. The whole system which hitherto prevailed with regard to padrones has been abolished—thanks to the efforts made by the Italian Consulate and the priests attached to this Church." A visit by any observer to Eyre-st. Hill and its environs would be well repaid. It would show that primarily the Italian colony in London is composed of a class of busy people bent on a process of making money in a way that does not interfere in the least with the prospects of the British working man. Here is the man with the organ; his son possibly is too young to drag the instrument through the streets. The little boy is, however, seen with an accordion and one of those amusing little animals associated with the name of Darwin. He never begs. His little charge, led by a string, making rueful faces at the young lady who leaves her breakfast-table to see the fun, might abstract a copper. The little boy whose musical cry of "Ecmegee!" was once as familiar as that of "Watercress!" vends his plaster models mostly in City public-houses. His

GENIUS IN MAKING BARGAINS

should have led him in the direction of Capel-court. He cannot for a moment be regarded as a beggar when he asks "How much?" and accepts for a bust of an English celebrity 4d., instead of the price he previously asked—2s. One of the most flourishing businesses in London, in which English workpeople are solely employed, has been instituted as the result of the genuine efforts of these little sons of Italy. Another industry is that of the importation of "gold and silver fish, green tree frogs, and land and water tortoises." The ordinary visitor to Eyre-st. hill would not for a moment imagine that at the rear of a certain shop, the windows of which are filled with a wonderful collection of strange amphibious animals, there are upwards of 20,000 golden representatives of the finny tribe. In well-proportioned tanks these little creatures "live and have their being," until the would-be vendor with his net encloses them within the narrow confines of a glass globe or more commodious aquarium. The subject is not only interesting—it is eminently picturesque, and may receive further attention next week.

ROYAL TOUR.

"BILLY TEA" AND DAMPERS IN THE BUSH.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall broke their journey to Newcastle from Brisbane in the bush country, their Royal Highnesses stopping at Harrow for five hours. The Royal party, during their stay, partook of tea brewed in a "billy," and ate the genuine damper of flour and water, cooked at the camp fire. The Duchess was accommodated with a seat in the shadow of a small tent. The air from the downs was keen, and the sky at times overcast, but the gathering, nevertheless, presented a very pretty and original picture. Their Royal Highnesses were also entertained by an exhibition of stockmen's skill. The Royal train afterwards resumed its journey across a great expanse of rolling down and open country, unsurpassed for its fertility. Dinner was served at Warwick, which (says "The Standard's" correspondent) is one of the pleasantest places of residence in Queensland.

ARRIVAL AT NEWCASTLE.

The Duke and Duchess arrived at Newcastle, N.S.W., yesterday, and after driving through the town proceeded to Hawkesbury to rejoin the Ophir.—Reuter.

FOR THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK.

The plans for the new railway car which is to convey the Duke and Duchess of York across Canada have been approved. The car will be 70ft. in length and 9ft. 10in. in breadth At each end will be an observation room with plate-glass windows, both fitted with a sofa and upper berth. These rooms will be 8ft. 10in. long. At the one end a state room comes next the observation room. This room is also fitted with a sofa and upper berth. Next this comes the grand state room, 10ft. 4in. in length, with a brass bedstead and all modern conveniences. Then comes the dining-room, 15ft. by 9ft., in the centre of the car, and fitted with an extension table. The kitchen adjoins, and is 10ft. 4in. long. Then comes a porters' room, 5ft. 6in. in length, and between this and the observation room a toilet room, 4ft. 10in. long. The workmanship will, of course, be of the best throughout.

BRIGHTON FISHERMAN MISSING.

Nothing has yet been heard of the two Brighton fishermen, John Pearce and Chas. Tattersell, who went fishing in a 15ft. 9in. boat named Wild Rose on Wednesday evening.

CUT DOWN BY A TRAIN.

The 10.8 train from London to Hastings yesterday, when passing a crossing near Balcombe, cut to pieces a man. Deceased is described as dark bearded, thin face, dressed in a grey coat, and soft black felt hat, later inquiries show that deceased is Mr. B. J. Botting, confectioner and pickle merchant of King-st., Brighton. The body is at the Station Hotel, Balcombe, awaiting inquest.

ANGLING.

YESTERDAY'S REPORTS.

There has been a slightest improvement in the state of the weather, and angling prospects are now more encouraging, although a few good showers of rain would materially improve the river. Most of the rivers and streams are running clear, and a nice level and in capital order for trout fishing, and with the present fine weather sport should be fairly good during the coming week. The following are the latest reports from the various stations:—

THE THAMES.

HAMPTON COURT.—The water is in very fair condition, but rain is much needed.

SHEPPERTON.—Sport has been quiet, though the river is in good condition.

STAINES.—Sport has improved with the more genial weather, and prospects for the holidays are very favourable. The river is in excellent condition. Mr. T. W. Gomm has had another trout of 5lb. 10oz.

WINDSOR.—The water is still in splendid condition, but little sport has been recorded. Prospects are fairly good for the holidays.

MARLOW.—Anglers have been rewarded with good sport among the trout, and the river is in first-rate condition.

HENLEY.—Mr. M. Hobbs has taken a trout of 5½lb., but sport has been rather slow. The water is in good order, but rain is wanted.

FANGBOURNE.—Dr. Dunn has captured a nice trout of 7½lb. The water and the weather are now all that can be desired.

THE LEE.

BROXBOURNE.—Trout-fishing has been quiet, owing to the cold winds, but there is a milder temperature.

HERTFORD.—The river is now in fairly good trim, but sport has been poor.

THE DARENTH.

FARNINGHAM.—The water is very bright, and no sport has been reported with trout.

THE LARK (SUFFOLK).

BARTON MILLS.—Few trout have been landed, and the water is in good condition. Trout are now more on the feed.

SEA FISHING.

SOUTHEND.—The tides will be suitable for the holidays. Fair sport has been had among flatfish.

DEAL.—Fine weather continues, and the water calm. Whiting and pollock are being taken, and mackerel have been taken by the nets.

THE WEEK'S FIXTURES.

(Compiled from the "Fishing Gazette.")

Tuesday.—Clissold, distribution; Wellington, supper and distribution.

Wednesday.—Highbury, annual dinner; Izaak Walton, distribution; Original Alexandra, distribution.

Thursday.—Duke of Norfolk, dinner and distribution.

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VOLUNTEER GOSSIP.

I am very glad to see the contradiction given by Lord Raglan to a statement which has gone the round of the press implying that the War Office Authorities have decided that conscription in some form is the only principle on which we can rely for keeping up the future military power of Great Britain. To throw over the voluntary principle, upon which the British nation has always relied, at the very moment when it has been so splendidly vindicated in South Africa would be not merely ungrateful but fatuous and suicidal. Lord Raglan denies that "pressing," i.e., compulsory or universal service is recognised at the War Office as inevitable, and says in conclusion:—"I had no intention of saying categorically that it was impossible to obtain men on the existing terms, and I certainly did not wish it to be supposed that the plan of obtaining men by offering higher pay had been declared impracticable by any authority. On the contrary, I expressly said that we were obtaining a large number of recruits on the existing terms, and though it is held in some quarters that many of them are somewhat young, that is a fault which daily remedies itself."

Why should Volunteer battalions not possess colours? At the march past before his Majesty (when Prince of Wales) on the Horse Guards Parade, not a few Volunteer colours of a century ago were in evidence, and one Volunteer battalion, the H.A.C., carried new colours, presented not so long ago by Queen Alexandra, when Princess of Wales. The question of presenting colours to the Volunteer Regts. of the Royal Lancaster Regt., to commemorate the distinguished services rendered in South Africa by their Service Company, is earnestly debated in the County Palatine. Of course, the existing Volunteer regulations will not permit of it, but is there any valid reason for not altering them, so as to allow to the present generation of Volunteers a privilege which was so highly esteemed by their predecessors of a hundred years ago.

To the gallantry of the "Men of Lancashire," Gen. Sir Redvers Buller bore ungrudging testimony at Manchester the other day. He said he had "34 batns. of Lancashire men under him between Oct., 1899, and July, 1900, in Natal. In the course of the campaign three batns. lost heavily. The first in point of order was the Royal North Lancs Regt., then the Lancashire Fusiliers, and the Manchester Regt. was not far behind. No batn. had paid its toll for its country's good more heavily, more willingly, or more bravely than that which came from that district."

It is rather a pity that the liner Englishman, from which Volunteer Companies of the Manchester Regiment and the Lancashire Fusiliers, with men of other distinguished regiments, were disembarking almost at the moment, when their old leader was speaking, could not arrive at Manchester 24 hours earlier. The contest between the leader and the followers is clearly mutual. These Companies had all served under Gen. Buller, with whom they advanced from Ladysmith. The men say they fared splendidly while under Buller.

Referring to the departure for the front of the Volunteer Cyclists from Aldershot on Thursday, the "Globe" ("Volunteer Echoes") says: "The company goes out 120 strong, under command of Capt. B. Wardle, 1st V.B. N. Staffordshire Regt., and consists of four sections. It was originally intended, so I understand, to raise eight companies, but the question of pay intervened. The men could not afford to come forward for the ordinary pay of the regular."

Maj.-gen. Sir F. Maurice evidently sees for the cycle and the motor car great possibilities in the wars of the future. In a lecture given on Wednesday at the R.U.S. Institution, he said that the Boer war had brought home to the English people at large the fact that the possibility of rapidly moving an Army—mobility—was of the utmost importance. The change in weapons had made the rapid transfer of the forces more indispensable than ever. He dwelt on the effectiveness of the cycle in this respect, remarking that the distance which troops could be conveyed by this means far surpassed anything that horses could do. He admitted that there were certain difficulties in the way of cycle development, but submitted that these could be overcome. If the new rifle clubs formed themselves at the same time into cycle clubs, it would be found that it would result in that unity of action and co-operation which was absolutely essential to giving any effective value to the work which had to be done. He urged that motor cycles should also be made use of in military operations, and in conclusion declared that if a large body of cyclists was properly organised and equipped, it would be able to resist any foreign invasion.

Still another City Corps of mounted men is to be raised for service in South Africa, though in many quarters the end of the Boer war is believed to be near. The new Corps, which Lord Maitland, who formerly served in the Coldstream Guards, is about to raise and command, will be called the City of London Imperial Yeomanry.

The Essex men continue to lead the fortunes of the North London Ride Club, which, at the meeting of Wednesday, at Ilford, had more difficult conditions to contend with than has been latterly experienced. In Division I. three Essex competitors, followed by two of the L.R.B., were in front, thus: Sergt. Rogers, 1st Essex, and Clr.-sergt. Wise, 4th Essex, each 90 out of the possible 103; Corpl. Pitts, 4th Essex, 89; Pte. Eley and Pte. Hope, L.R.B., each 87. In Division II. Essex and the L.R.B. again led, thus: Quarter-master-sergt. Osborn, 1st Essex, 89; Sergt. Dicker, L.R.B., and Sergt.-instructor of Musketry Kent, H.A.C., each 86.

What I am told: That an extension of command for two years has been granted to Col. W. B. Bryan, of the 2nd Tower Hamlets R.V. —That on Saturday next the competition for the Ambulance Shield of the Volunteer Medical Association will be carried out at Wellington Barracks, and that for Col. Roche's Cup by the 2nd V.B. Royal Fusiliers at Albany Barracks.—That the following Metropolitan battalions will be officially inspected, viz., on June 1, 5th (West) Middlesex R.V., and 3rd V.B. Royal West Surrey, June 8, 2nd London Rifles, by Lord Roberts, and at Hyde Park the London Scottish R.V.—That the new headquarters of the Electrical Engineers, Regency-st., Westminster, will be formally opened next Saturday.—That the Duke of Cambridge, Royal President of the N.R.A., intends to himself take the chair at the spring meeting to be held at the R.U.S. Institution next Wednesday.—That all the range accommodation on every side of the Metropolis will be called into requisition to-morrow by the Volunteers for shooting purposes.—That the second annual competition of the 2nd London Rifles for the Marks Cup and prizes given for a combined marching and shooting competition of the "Daily Telegraph" type will be carried out to-morrow, the first teams starting from Barking for Rainham on the arrival of the 9 train from Fenchurch-st.

ELMAR.

VOLUNTEER REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

HON. ARTILLERY COMPANY.—Mon, lapping, foam cutting, and harness fitting, A battery; gun drill and 7-pdr. practice, B battery; gun drill and fire discipline, A and B batteries; N.C.O.'s class and classing at Ilford. Thurs, laying, fuse setting, and harness fitting (in gallery); gun drill and fire discipline, A and B batteries; N.C.O.'s and gunners' drill. Mon, Wed, and Thurs, riding drills, St. John's Wood Barracks, 6.30. Mon and Thurs, Morris-tube practice, 5 to 8, at Bisley. Wed, recruit drill, 7.30; 16, and 18 Coy. parade, Charterhouse-square. Sat, the right wing will parade (for band drill in Broadwall Yard) at Broadwall, 2; centre, Bisley, 2.30; left, Bisley, 3.30.

2nd MIDDLESEX ARTILLERY.—Gun drills, 6.30.—Tues, Nos. 4 and 7 Cos.; Wed, Nos. 2 and 8 Cos.; Fri, Nos. 1 and 5 Cos.; Thurs, Nos. 3 and 6 Cos. Wed, gun drill, H.Q., 6.30; Sat, C.O.'s parade, H.Q., 2; drill order.

1st MIDDLESEX R.E.—ROYAL ENGINEERS (VOLS.).—Tues, engineering, recruit drill, 8; band practice, issue of clothing and equipment, 8.15. Wed, engineering, recruit drill, signalling class, ambulance class, 8. Thurs, engineering and recruit drill, 8; C Co. for drill and examination of sergeants, 8.45; drill order; issue of clothing and equipment, 8.15. Fri, engineering and recruit drill, 8; musketry, and Morris-tube practice, 8. Sat, parade at H.Q., 2; drum-drill order.

1st LONDON ROYAL ENGINEERS (VOLS.).—Wed, fire parade. Wed and Thurs, drill, engineering, Morris-tube practice, signalling, surveying drill, harness practice, 6.30; drill order.

EAST LONDON ROYAL ENGINEERS (VOLS.).—Mon, bugle practice, 8.15. Mon, Wed, and Fri, engineering, recruit drill, and signalling class, 8.15; Mon and Wed, Morris-tube practice, 8.15. Tues and Thurs, engineering and signalling drill, 8.15. Wed, drum and fife, 8.15. Sat, general muster; gun work; inspection of infantry in accordance with order, tunics and helmets, leggings, pouch to be worn; bands and buglers to be present; the field co will turn out fully horsed and equipped on this occasion, all details being present. O.C. Hall way Detachment—Mon, Wed, and Fri, co drill, musical, firing, and sword exercise exercises, etc., 8.30; mounting drills from 10.30 till 1. Tues, Thurs, and Fri, engineering, 8.30. Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri, recruit drill, 8.30. Field Co.—Mon, special field co drill, 8.15. Tues, Thurs, and Fri, mounted drill, engineering, and use of harness, 8.15; dismounted, 8.15. Wed, revolver and sword drill for mounted N.C.O.'s and drivers, 8.15.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS RB. (VOLS.).—Tues and Thurs, recruit drill, 8.30 and 7.30. Woolwich Detachment—Fri, co and recruit drill, 8.

1st MIDDLESEX (VICTORIA AND 8TH DISTRICTS) Y.R.C.—Mon, parade. Tues and Fri, recruit drill. Thurs, C.O.'s parade and recruit drill. Sat, 6th Bisley, 5th Championship, Commercial, and 2nd and 3rd Co. prize meeting, Bisley, 2.

3rd MIDDLESEX.—Mon and Thurs, mess bind, class firing, Caterham. Wed and Fri, recruit drill, 8. 1, Shore, class firing, Caterham. Fri, cycle list selection parade, H.Q., 7.30; rifles to be carried. Sat, C.O.'s parade, 2.30. Putney Bridge Station (instead of the parade detailed in regimental programme), 2; recruit drill, 2; drill order. Mounted cyclists, signallers, and ambulance sections will parade as usual.

4th MIDDLESEX.—Tues, no drill. Fri, co drill, 8. 2, Merton-mess. 3, Co. Wed and Thurs, recruit drill, 7.30 and 8.30. Sat, class firing, G and D Cos. and class competition, Queen's ranges, from 2.

5th MIDDLESEX.—Tues, Adjutant's parade at the School, 7. Wed, co drill, Wealdstone and Hendon, 7. Thurs, co and recruit drill at Harrow, 8; recruit drill at the School, Hendon, and Stanmore, 7. Fri, co and recruit drill at Harrow, 8; recruit drill at the School, Hendon, and Stanmore, 7. Sat, special drill for A and C Cos and recruits, 8.45; musketry—trained men and recruits all day. Recruits, for trained men only. Weymouth, all day.

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3rd WEST KENT.—Mon, class firing, T.V. and recruits, Malton. Tues, co drill, 7.15; co drill for D Co at the Goldsmiths' Institute, and for 2 Cos at the Abbey and Stanhope School, 8.15. Wed, recruit drill and signalling class, 8. Thurs, town drill, dress—drill order, 8.15; drill for stretcher bearer section, 8.15; clothing parade, 8.45. Fri, no recruit drill, 8.15; co and recruit drill for D Co at the Goldsmiths' Institute, 8.15; signalling class, 8.15; drum and bugle practice, 8.15. Sat, class firing, T.V. Malton, 2.

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2nd LONDON.—Wed, co and recruit drill, 8. Mon, Wed and Thurs, class firing. Sat, the regt. parade at Liverpool-st. Station for Tredegar Park, Newport, for Royal Review.

17th MIDDLESEX.—Mon, bnts will parade at York-road, Waterloo Station for class firing at Bisley; Adjutant's group, dismounted sqdns; officers will not wear swords, 2.30 a.m. Wed, class drill, Albany-street Barracks, plain clothes. Thurs, co and Fri, recruit drill, 8. Fri, mounted drill, plain clothes, 8. Sat, class firing, Bisley; A, B, and C Cos, 2.30, 500 yards and continual. G Co, 7 till dusk.

20th MIDDLESEX.—Co drill for the Foundling Hospital—Thurs, 8 and F Cos; Fri, H and K Cos. Recruits same time and place. Fri, Morris-tube practice, drill hall, from 6 to 7.30; examination for proficiency certificates for N.C.O.'s at the Foundling Hospital, Sat, D.C.'s parade at the Foundling Hospital, 4.45; drill order.

21st MIDDLESEX.—Mon, C.O.'s parade; the bats will parade at Bisley Camp Station at 10.30 a.m. for drill and musketry; dress—drill order, with leggings, haversack, and water bottle. Thurs, bnts and co drill, 8.30. Sun Fields (if fine), H.Q. if wet; recruit drill, H.Q., 8.30. Classing—Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri, parade at Bisley, 2; 200 and 500 yards. Remounds, from 2, C and D Cos' competition practice.

CENTRAL LONDON RANGERS.—Mon, parade at Waterloo Station, 5 a.m.; dress, drill order. Tues, buglings; greatcoats will be worn on headdress over the left shoulder. Wed, Serpt.-major's garade, 7.45; recruit drill, 7.30; recruit drill at Bunhill Row, recruit drill, 7.30.

1st SURREY.—Mon, outdoor practices and judging distance, all cos, Bisley, all day; drill order, with leggings. Tues, drill for cyclists, H Co, 8; drill for A and B Cos, 8; recruits' musketry, co drill for C and D Cos, 8; recruits' musketry drill, 8. Fri, Morris-tube, from 7. Sat, class firing, Bisley; A, B, C, D, E, F, and G Cos, 2to, all and 200 yards, Bisley, 2.

3rd WEST SURREY.—Mon and Tues, both quarters closed for Whitsuntide. Wed, G Co drill, Clapham quarters, plain clothes, 8; co drill (under Sergt.-major) and recruit drill, Kennington quarters, 8; recruit drill, Clapham quarters, 8; recruit drill, Kennington quarters, both, 7 and 8. Thurs, co drill, H Co, 8.

4th WEST SURREY.—Mon, class firing at Weybridge for trained men only. Tues, M.T. det, 7.30; signalling and bugle practice, 8; co drill (transport instruction, recruits, outsiders and cyclists), 8.30. Thurs, bnts and recruit drill, 8. Fri, recruit drill, 8; co drill (instruction for N.C.O.'s, ambulance class), 8. Sat, special drill for A and C Cos and recruits, 8.45; musketry—trained men and recruits all day. Recruits, for trained men only. Weymouth, all day.

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THE STAGE.

COMEDY.

Let well alone as a proverb commends itself practically to theatrical managers with reference to any marked success made by them. The policy accordingly of Mr. Forbes Robertson may be questioned in handicapping the single scene of the dramatically powerful and wholly original little drama "The Sacrament of Judas," with the weight of two preliminary acts, neither of which is introduced for the purpose of interpolating any fresh interest of incident or character germane to the story, but merely with the object of showing in slow and prolonged action what in the one act piece was tersely told in narrative; that is to say, how the hero became a priest and then secretly but conscientiously ignored, though without being able to abjure, his sacerdotal vows. On the revival of the play elongated by its original translator, Mr. L. N. Parker, on Wednesday, the audience listened without any sign of dissatisfaction to the superadded acts, but it was evident that their enthusiasm was not fairly aroused, nor their emotions illusively stirred until the final act came, repeated exactly as it was played when the stirring story was contained within the limits of a single scene.

The applause and recalls at the fall of the curtain were in their heartiness in notable contrast to those given at the rather tame conclusion of each of the new acts.

The acting of the piece was perfect throughout. Mr. Forbes Robertson renewed his tragically impressive impersonation of the recanting priest, recalled to the duty of absolution which he dared not resist; and Miss Gertrude Elliott enacted with simple grace the character of the wronged Breton maiden. Mr. Frank Mills played the aristocratic wronger with distinction, and Mr. Ian Robertson repeated his clear cut portrayal of the ruthless Republican captain. Mr. Hendrie completed the stage picture by his impersonation of the old fisherman. The play promises to renew its run purely upon the merit of its last act, and its admirable presentation.

ROYALTY.

A MORBID STORY OF IMMORALITY.

The gospel of pessimism upon which Mrs. Patrick Campbell so persistently trusts for her artistic popularity as actress and manager she once more propounded, and with unabated intensity, in "Mariana," a translation by Mr. Jas. Graham of the Spanish dramatist, Senor Echegaray's, modern tragedy, tested at the Court Theatre three years ago, and reproduced at the Dean-st. playhouse on Thursday evening. The depravity of human nature is the keynote of this morbid drama in which sexual decadence prevails throughout, both as the motive for action and the standard of conduct. The heroine, an heiress of high social position, loathes her father for going wrong with a mistress, but loves her mother none the less that she does the very same thing with a man, who, in turn, deserts her for someone else, leaving his victim and her child to starve. Grown to girlhood and sold in marriage, Mariana's husband, no less vicious than her father, makes her a widow by getting killed in a duel arising out of his having in turn gone wrong with a ballet-girl. Avenging herself for these treacheries on all men she meets in society by fascinating them with her feline coquetries, like a cat with a mouse or a serpent with a rabbit, the malcontent Mariana is at last taken in her own toils by a passion kindled in her by one of her victims, Daniel Montoya, on whom, upon discovering him to be the son of her mother's paramour, she vindictively resents the past wrong by giving the hand pledged to him to a middle-aged widower, who in jealousy had struck his first wife dead at a blow. This fatal act the stern Don Pablo ruthlessly repeats upon his second wife. Dismissing this uncompromising lord in terms of heartless detestation to his lonely couch on their bridal night, Mariana, in a fit of passionate caprice, showing she was no dragon of virtue, receives her discarded lover through the open window, only, however, to tear herself in one of her sudden revulsions of feeling from his embrace, exclaiming, as he seeks her to elope with him, "No, you shall not do to me as your father did to my mother!" With that exclamation, in a voice of fierce frenzy, she calls back her husband, and passionately avowing her perfidy to him, falls dead under the fire of his pistol. Without a word spoken the men withdraw from the room, and after a pause two shots are heard as the curtain descends.

The wilful, wayward character of Mariana, whose better nature, as she herself says—though it does not appear—is warped by her cruel experiences, gives Mrs. Patrick Campbell one of those opportunities she apparently enjoys for study in morbid anatomy, which, however, though powerfully expressed, is not only rendered painful by its pessimism, but inartistic by its monotony. Sympathy is impossible for such an acted nature as Mariana's, all the more so that the strain of callous heartlessness is never relieved or lightened by one touch of humour, however sardonic, either in the part or the actress. And without either humour or sentiment shown in feeling for others as well as suffering one's self, there can be no sustained dramatic interest. Mr. Titheradge gave a manly portrayal of the fascinated lover, but it was somewhat lacking in the fervour of Spanish amatory passion. Mr. Berte Thomas was amusing as a quaint enthusiast in curios, and Mr. Saintsbury gave the requisite sternness and force of will to Don Pablo. Other parts were well presented by Mr. Du Maurier and Miss Winifred Fraser. The play, beautifully staged and dressed, was received without either enthusiasm or dissent.

SUBURBAN THEATRES.

The attraction for the holidays at the Kennington Theatre will be the now well-known comedy "English Nell," with Miss Lizzie Tempest as Nell Gwyn and Mr. Frank Cooper, specially engaged for his original part, King Charles II.

On Monday next Mr. F. R. Benson and his company will again be seen in the Shakespearean repertory of London, visiting for a week the Broadway Theatre. On the following Monday the company will appear at the Brixton Theatre for one week, following with a week each at the Metropole, Camberwell, and Camden Theatre.

Mr. Melville will produce at the Standard Theatre on Whit-Monday the naval drama, "The Scales of Justice," A strong dramatic company has been engaged, which includes Mr. Julian Cross and Mr. Albert Ward.

Some little while ago we noted the first production of Mr. Frank Stayton's play, "The Despatch-Bearer," in its first production at the Richmond Theatre. It has just been paying a visit to the Crown (Peckham), where it has met with an eminently favourable reception. The perils of the despatch-bearer, who carries important papers to China, the land of mystery and secret societies, loss nothing of their effect at the hands of the company, which includes, as before, Mr. Yorke Stephens, Miss Helen Leyton, Miss Victoria Addison (who now plays the heroine), and Miss Ada Palmer, who gives an excellent interpretation of the part of the fussy lady globe-trotter.

Judging by the enthusiastic reception accorded "The Geisha" during the past week at the Grand (Islington), the Japanese musical play has lost nothing of its power to please. Mr. Jones's tuneful music, Owen Hall's amusing book, and Harry Greenbank's admirably turned lyrics wear wonderfully well, and with so delightful a Mimosa San as Miss Beatrice Edwardes, so amusing a Chinaman as Mr. Kennedy Allen, and with Mr. A. Sandoe, Miss C. McGill, and Mr. Augustus Cramer in some other of the principal roles, an adequate interpretation was a foregone conclusion.

For the week commencing June 10, and matinee Wednesday, June 12, Miss Kate Rorke and Co. will be seen at the Grand (Fulham) in "A Fool's Paradise"; and on June 17, Mr. Beerbohm Tree and Co. will pay a six-nights' visit to the theatre, when will be played the following:—"Captain Swift," "The Ballad-Monger," "The Red Lamp," and "A Bunch of Violets." A matinee will be given on Wednesday, June 19.

Other fixtures are:—Surrey, "A Bad Character"; Grand, Islington, "Hearts are Trumps"; Britannia, "Hoodman Blind"; Grand, Fulham, Miss Jennie Lee and Co. in "Jo"; Elephant and Castle, "The Colleen Bawn"; Pavilion, Mile End, "The Belle of Haslemere"; Borough, Stratford, "The Belle of New York"; Royal, Stratford, "Humanity" and "Siberia"; Dalston, Charles Warner in "Drink"; Coronet, "The Price of Peace"; Brixton, "For Auld Lang Syne" Camden, Mr. Lewis Waller in "A Royal Rival"; Terriss's, Rotherhithe, "The Ladder of Life"; Shakespeare, Clapham, "Our Boys"; Grand, Woolwich, "The Grip of Iron"; Royal Duchess, Balham, "The Christian"; Metropole, Camberwell Green, "Frivolity"; Royal West London, "Death or Glory Boys"; Lyric, Hammersmith, "The Bank of England"; Crown, Peckham, "The Favourite."

THE CORONET.

To all who delight in plays of the swashbuckler type, where the gentleman, with ready sword and generous nature, carries all before him, and brings down the curtain amid personal felicitations and the ringing bells of victory, we commend "A Royal Rival," as written by Mr. Gerald Du Maurier, and played by Mr. Lewis Waller. The popular actor, who gave us such a fascinating D'Artagnan, presents us with a Don Cæsar de Bazan, who at once wins our sympathy, holds our attention, and, in the end, evokes something akin to affection for his frank and fearless doings. Mr. Du Maurier has not travelled far from the beaten track of the operatic version, and we see "Maritana" at every turn of the story of "A Royal Rival." The play is unfolded with commendable directness, the writing is crisp, there are no long speeches, and the action is carried on with plenty of movement until the King of Spain is outwitted and Don Cæsar draws forth the love of the Marita, whom he married in his prison cell when he believed himself to be within a few minutes of execution. At the outset we see the ruined Don arrested for duelling, which has been made a capital offence; next there is the marriage, brought about in order that the fortune-teller and street singer may be near the King, and thus the centre of intrigue which may drive the Queen to the side of her would-be lover, Don Jose; then the faithful Pedro contrives to unload the guns, and thus save the life of the Don, who had befriended the lad, and so on to the King's addresses to Marita, the interview between his Majesty and the Don, and the final curtain with its promise of happiness for the two who wedded amid such strange surroundings have learned to love and honour each other. Mr. Waller presents a full of buoyant spirits and careless devilry, but withal a gentleman, whose sword is always ready to defend the weak or the distressed. Miss Lily Hanbury is more successful in the later scenes, when she plays the lady and the lover, than as the singing girl, with demands upon her vocal powers and abilities as a dancer. Mr. Mollison as King Charles has but one good scene, but, fine actor as he is, makes the most of it. Mr. Norman M'Kinnel is appropriately melodramatic as the wicked Don Jose, Miss Haidee Wright gives a performance of wonderful charm and finish as Pedro, Mr. M. Robinson is a grotesquely funny marquis, and so forth. On the first night there was applause for everyone, and ample promise of future success.

MUSIC HALLS.

As usual at holiday time, those who control our music-halls put forward special Whitsuntide programmes. Their variety is only equalled by their length, and with weather favourable to indoor entertainment, a condition of things which the managers naturally yearn for, there should be "bumper houses" during the present week. The variety entertainment grows every year in popularity, and the audiences at holiday time bear special testimony to the fact.

At the Royal, Holborn, we are promised the Dunedin troupe of Australian cyclists, the Abdullah troupe of Bedouin Arabs, Florrie Forde, Brown and Kelly Combination in "A Tip for the Oaks," Jenny Valmore, Marie Kendall, Harry Tate, in "No Heds," the Sisters Archer, Alice Leamar, the Missouris, Texarkanas, the champion wing buck dancer, and Willy and Loretto, the tramp and gay soubrette. At the Royal Aquarium amusements will proceed from breakfast time until midnight. The sensational feature of the show will be the daring act that Miss Cleopatra performs with immense boa constrictors, African and Indian pythons, and other snakes. M. Henri Casman introduces a novel feature in "Le Cafe Chantant," as, by means of shadowgraphy, he enables the public to see him effect his quick changes. Ella Zuila's daring high rope show, the Comical Bomas Trio, Mamselle Flossie and a Parisian Marionette are a few of the items in a programme of nearly 100 "turns."

Strong as was the Empire programme, it has been further augmented just in time for the holidays by the engagement of the incomparable Yvette Guilbert, who, if she returns to us with little of the willowy girlish figure most people will remember, has lost not a whit of her remarkable artistic power. Her singing of the sordid little tragedy, "Ma Tete," the flippant "Partie Carree," and other songs is a triumph for the art of the "diseuse." The Phantom Guards, Henri French, the conjuror, the famous Schaffer family, Carlotta Delmar, the trick cyclist, and that wonderful feast of colour, "Les Papillons," remain notable features in the programme.

Mr. Albert Chevalier has compiled a Whitsun Holiday programme which will contain many of his most popular items. Mr. Harry Caradale, the celebrated farmyard linguist, has been specially engaged, and interesting West-Country songs will be sung, in costume, by Messrs. Frank Pemberton and Hugh Peyton.

In one or two of the variety bills for next week, the name of the eccentric pierrot clown occurs. We take the opportunity of giving a sketch of this amusing white-washed jester of the stage. He has a taking mannerism of performing his tricks, and the public delight to be cleverly humbugged by him, and more especially enjoy his lack of memory regarding the weight of the enormous dumb-bell he lifts, which grows in his imagination from some hundreds of pounds to some thousands of tons. It is only fair to conceal the startling sequel to this trick from our readers. If they wish to see it they must pay a visit to the hall wherein the effervescent Griff performs.

GRIFF.

As usual, there is something new for holiday folk who visit Madame Tussaud's. This takes the form of an addition to the wonderful series of tableaux which Mr. John Tussaud has with so much artistic skill set up at the famous institution in Baker-st. It represents the Federation ceremony in the Centennial Park, Sydney. Bending over the table, which is a fac-simile of that on which Queen Victoria signed the Commonwealth Bill, is Lord Hopetoun, putting pen to paper, surrounded by Sir F. Darley, Sir J. Forrest, Mr. Dickson, Sir W. Lyne, the Archbishop of Sydney, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Deakin. Of course, anyone who has done anything notable, either good or ill, is found at Madame Tussaud's.

At the Alhambra, the new ballet, "The Gay City," is the chief attraction. This item is supported by La Belle Tortajada, Les Minstrels Parisiens, Marco Twins, and the Imperial Bioscope.

The "stars" just now at Collins's are George Robey, Lucy Clarke, Harry Randall, Arthur Rigby, and Will Evans.

The Abdullah Arabs, the Bio-Tableaux, Harry Randall, Marie Loftus, Harry Tate, Cliff Ryland, and Constance Moxon are among the present mainstays of the Metropolitan.

Full of variety and excellence are the programmes at the London Pavilion, the Tivoli, and the Oxford. For the Tivoli Mr. Dowsett has engaged the talents of T. E. Dunville, Harry Randall, Bransby Williams, Geo. Mozart, Florence and Lillian, Polaski Bros., and Joe Elvin and Co. in a sketch entitled "Paying the Bill." Dan Leno, who is always bright and engaging, is at the London Pavilion, and T. E. Dunville, Marie Loftus, the Polaskis, Bessie Bonehill, and Paul Martinetti and Co. can be seen at the Oxford.

The ladies bicycle races will commence on Monday week at the Royal Aquarium, in which French and English riders will take part.

THE PALACE.

Whatever may have been true in times past, no more significant indication of the fact that a maid may take her mother to a music-hall without fear of shocking her feelings is possible, than that the most popular performance just now at the Palace Theatre is that given by Mr. George Grossmith. As a matter of fact, Mr. George Grossmith, Savoy comedian and society clown (he himself has said it), has not come to the music-hall; the music-hall has gone to him. It has been working in that direction for years, and the combination is quite natural. Mr. Grossmith gives precisely that kind of entertainment at the Palace which he has been giving at great houses for these 10 years past. His audience is as keen to take every point as any that could be found in Mayfair. Mr. Grossmith is always amusing, always funny without a touch of vulgarity, and his "turn" is another attraction in the strong programme which Mr. Morton always gives his patrons. To see the genial entertainer describing his troubles in sending off a telegram from a busy post-office where pen and ink are negligible quantities, and fussy customers are paramount, to listen to his bogus French song, or the young lady with a memory for other people's music composing a waltz, is to spend a delightful half hour in an evening made up of amusing turns.

COVENT GARDEN OPERA

There are only three things which need to be noted so far as the earlier part of the week's proceedings at the Opera House is concerned. First, the performance of Miss E. Miller, as the Witch in "Hansel and Gretel," an impersonation more notable for its histrionic than its vocal power; Signor Anselmi's successful appearance as Turiddu in "Cavalleria Rusticana," and the representat on of "Siegfried." A new exponent of the role of the fearless one in Wagner's great work is always something to look forward to during the opera season, and in Herr Knote we have one who certainly is not the slavish imitator of tradition. One point is distinctly in his favour—he sings without that unpleasant straining after the vocally impossible which often converts what should be musical declamation into mere shouting. What we miss in Herr Knote's interpretation is that note of youthful abandon, of complete self-reliance which always needs to be sounded in denoting the character of Wagner's hero. The Mime of Herr Reiss was on the whole an excellent performance, as was also that of Herr Mohwinkel as the Wanderer. In the great scene with Erdan the best results were obtained, thanks to the splendid embodiment of the part of the Goddess by Mdlle. Rosa Olitzka, whose magnificent voice was heard at its best. In gesture and general bearing she was an ideal exponent of the character. Frau Frankel Claus as Brunnhilde was a distinct disappointment. The performance had its good points, but on the whole it lacked power and dramatic significance. The Fafner of Herr Blass, the Alberich of Mr. Bispham, and the small but by no means unimportant part of the Bird by Mdme. Sobrino went to the completion of a performance which, if it lacked any great features and revealed no new singer of exceptional merit, was on the whole one of considerable excellence.

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DRAMATIC & MUSICAL GOSSIP.

The last performance of "The Queen's Double" at the Garrick Theatre will be given to-morrow (Monday) evening, May 27.

Mr. Charles Hawtrey would like it known that the announcement of a contemporary that he had offered to stage-manage "The Giddy Goat," at Terry's Theatre, is incorrect.

The holiday attraction at the Opera House, Wakefield, will be the appearance of Mr. Claude King's Co. in "East Lynne." The leading characters will be sustained by Miss Violet Luddington and Messrs. Claude King and Felix Edwards.

Mr. Harry S. Parker's company leaves Euston to-day (Sunday) for Hanley, to produce for the first time a new musical play, "The Prisoner Girl." Mr. Oswald Brand is responsible for the book; Mr. W. T. Gliddon for the music. The chorus numbers 40 voices.

Nat Goodwin is playing "Shylock" in America. Why may not Mr. Wyndham give us a study of "Hamlet"? America is already looking forward to another visit from Sir Henry Irving and Ellen Terry. Irving has been delighting his admirers during the week with glimpses of his old repertory. He is a standing reproof to the silly people who go on talking about "the cobbler sticking to his last." Irving, Lord Salisbury, Gilbert the sculptor, and Prof. Herkomer are examples of "the triumph of versatility."

Says Stephen Fiske in his bright page of "The Spirit of the Times":—"London did not understand the American language used in 'The Fortune-Teller' at the Shaftesbury Theatre. When the low comedian said: 'I'm no rag baby!' or 'You concertina-faced goose!' or 'Marriage is not a failure; it's a temporary embarrassment!' or 'Tell me what I mean and I'll say it for you!' the unsophisticated audience maintained a dead silence, instead of raising the roof with applause, as folks do at Oshkosh and Cowboyville. But poor old London is learning." May we reverently add, as much in sorrow as in anger, "It is, it is!"

"Women Are So Serious" is the title selected by Mr. Brandon Thomas for his adaptation of "Celles qu'on Respecte," the French comedy by M. Pierre Wolff, in which M. Nobici made such a success in Paris. The play will be produced at the Royal Court Theatre, Sloane-sq., on Friday evening, May 31. There are but half-a-dozen characters of importance in the play, and for these characters Mr. Brickwell and Mr. Kerr have succeeded in engaging a company of exceptional strength.

Writing under the pseudonym of "Anti-Botcher," a correspondent at Acton also expresses admiration for Planquette's "Nell Gwynne." As he recalls, when originally produced at the Avenue, it failed to draw, like its predecessors, "Les Cloches de Corneville" and "Rip Van Winkle," but it had not the advantage of the splendid plots of the others. Compared, however, with certain recent "idiotic concoctions," it was, he adds, "an intellectual entertainment. The music is delightful, and if the original score were adhered to, and no 'botching' allowed, I firmly believe it would now draw all London for a very long time."

WUZZELMAN'S MOTOR.

Mr. Wuzzelman is an inventor. Nobody has been successful up to now in sorting out his nationality. He has taken a sort of fancy to me. I'm rather sorry that he has. He spends hours with me giving descriptions comprising a great amount of technical detail. I daresay most of my readers have heard of "The Wuzzelman Electric Heat Jack." I tried one, but it went round at such a terrific speed that it stripped the meat off the bone, and the draught it created put the kitchen fire out. Perhaps the indulgent peruser of these lines has also heard of "The Wuzzelman Automatic Safety Boiler Alarm." When the boiler becomes nearly empty, a powerful sort of steam whistle apprises, with ear-splitting force, the household of the fact. Gosport tried one for 48 hours. His domestic was somewhat negligent over boilers, and the whistle was busy. But the domestic was up to it. She tied the whistle down, and, after a short interval of five minutes, she and the patent sailed up against the kitchen ceiling. But my business is more with "The Wuzzelman Patent Electric Steam-vapour Motor." I had often seen Wuzzelman sail past amidst an inferno of sound and clouds of steam, leaving in his trail a scent that seemed to blight all the young plant life in the front gardens of Bliss-avenue. I mentioned some time ago to Gosport a long-cherished ambition of mine to have a day out in a motor, and it resulted in an invitation from Wuzzelman. It was a bright morning when we started on our adventurous journey. Wuzzelman's appearance was simply appalling. He looked like a Yeoman, dressed in one of those dreadful costumes that they wear when they persistently dash into burning rooms to rescue women and babes.

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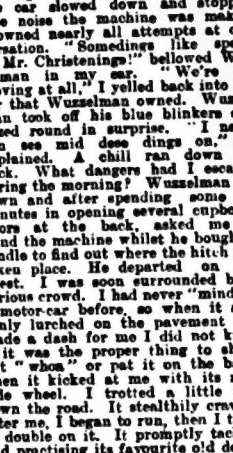
I means to pud on der greadest peed—some sixdy, sevendy, or hady miles der hour; praps more." I mentioned that "I had been brought up on a speed of 10 miles an hour on a local line, and found it suited me." "I ham a great hadmirer hof yours," said Wuzzelman; "I always read your bicycling nodes." I enlightened Wuzzelman as to my total disconnection with the authorship of "Bicycling Notes." He seemed cast down; but, giving a preliminary blast of his alarm as a reviver, we started, nearly rolling out a dustman and rubbing off the side title of a 'bus that was passing. We had reached the top of Bliss-avenue, and were just rounding the corner, when Wuzzelman suddenly put on all brakes, nearly bringing me over the top of a lamp-post. He drew a long breath, then started on his second speech: "I ham a great hadmirer hof yours. I think your lasdigal notes immense." I replied, somewhat tartly, that I knew nothing about angling, much less the writing of notes about that most trying of sports. To cover his confusion, Wuzzelman again had recourse to the horn blaster, and once more we urged on our mad career. After we had covered four miles and a dog, Wuzzelman somewhat abruptly put the brakes on, and thoughtfully pondered, and again began, "I ham a great hadmirer of yours." I tearfully entreated him to sub-edit his phrases. "I was going to say we must selecdt our blace we wants to go to—shall we go to Brighton, Margate, Hastdings, Bosedbourne, or der Mouthend?" he queried. "Anywhere you like, but let's get there quick," I said in somewhat an offensive tone. "Ah! We shalls haf to go backs again before we can gets a fair stardt," and without a moment's pause, the machine swerved round, gracefully poised itself on two wheels, regained its balance, and raced back to Bliss-avenue. "What have we come back for?" I inquired. "You said you wants to," he answered. "I didn't. I said I would go anywhere you chose to take me to," replied. "Der Teufel," he ejaculated. Once more the blaster rang out, and I say it with pride we cleared the streets of everything for some eight miles in its equivalent of time. One remark I should like to make at this point of the narrative — the municipal authorities should show more spirit in the matter of ambulances. We were proceeding somewhat gaily up Richmond Hill at a medium speed of some 90 miles an hour or so, when a skyrending explosion took place, and the car slowed down and stopped. The noise the machine was making drowned nearly all attempts at conversation. "Somedings like speed, er Mr. Christenings!" bellowed Wuzzelman in my ear. "We're not moving at all," I yelled back into the ear that Wuzzelman owned. Wuzzelman took off his blue blinkers and gazed round in surprise. "I never can see mid dese dings on," he explained. A chill ran down my back. What dangers had I escaped during the morning? Wuzzelman got down and after spending some 15 minutes in opening several cupboard doors at the back, asked me to mind the machine whilst he bought a candle to find out where the hitch had taken place. He departed on his quest. I was soon surrounded by a curious crowd. I had never "minded" a motor-car before, so when it suddenly lurched on the pavement and made a dash for me I did not know if it was the proper thing to shout out "whoa" or pat it on the back. Then it kicked at me with its near side wheel. I trotted a little way down the road. It stealthily crawled after me, I began to run, then I tried to double on it. It promptly tacked, and practising its favourite old dodge of pirouetting on two wheels, it artfully caught me in the rear. The dreadful thing was chasing me. I've been chased by an old horse, a dog



The thing began to chase me.

or two, on one occasion by a self-deluded officer of justice, but this was the first time I had been chased by a motor-car. I dodged it round a pillar-box, then dived into the doorway of a sweetstuff shop for protection. The mechanical monster gave one or two disappointed rumbles in the doorway and then evidently went to look for Wuzzelman.

I bought a couple of ounces of mixtures to compensate the owner for my surprise visit, and went to the doorway to prospect, and there had the pleasure of seeing the great "admirer" chasing the beast of a machine. It was evidently nervous of Wuzzelman, who caught it by the scuff of its back, grasped at its interior, and pulled it up. Then Wuzzelman yelled out for "Misder Christenings." I sneaked up to him. He asked me where I had been. I said I got tired of waiting and went to buy a few sweets. The crowd round the machine laughed. Wuzzelman said nothing, but appeared thoughtful, lighted his candle, and entered the bowels of the infernal Frankenstein. The crowd and myself had been looking at his boots, which had been hanging out for about five minutes, when a Hades of a report disturbed the country for miles round, and a sheet of blue flame flashed, in company with Wuzzelman, out from the back. The crowd scattered, a cab-horse bolted, a policeman fell over a little boy and I found Wuzzelman a dozen yards down, minus eyebrows and whiskers. He gazed at me dreamily, and in far away accents began, "I ham a great hadm——" I stopped him. He murmured something about the electric spark coming in contact with the vapour, and asked me why I had recommended a candle to look for it. I denied the soft impeachment. He shook hands with me and said he forgave me. He mounted the machine, and I was about to follow him, when with another terrific report it reared on its hind wheels and flew away at satanic speed with the singed Wuzzelman. The local policeman took my name and address. I looked up the time-table. At two the next morning I heard that Wuzzelman had come home in a cab, and the machine on a trolley. Wuzzelman, despite all differences of opinion over motors, is still a "great hadmirer." His latest delusion is that I am sole author of all the Answers to Correspondents.

CHRIS.

THE GARDEN.

SEEDS OF TENDER EXOTICS.

Geraniums and other tender plants which have been well hardened by exposure may be put out in beds and borders now. Of late years in many large gardens fewer tender plants have been grown and more hardy subjects planted, though, strange to say, the demand for these tender things, especially geraniums, is as great, or greater, than it has ever been. The reason is, I suppose, horticulture is more popular among the masses of the people. This may be said to be the growth of garden literature, especially as represented in the penny papers. The Begonia is comparatively a modern plant. It is true, of course, begonias have been grown more or less in large gardens for many years. But it was not until the introduction of the tuberous varieties that the boom commenced, and though millions have been raised from seeds and distributed it is only now that they are finding their way into every garden. Though the begonia makes lovely masses of colour they are never likely to oust the geranium, for the simple reason that better culture is required for them. The hotter and dryer the summer the brighter the geraniums are, but the begonias want nourishment and moisture. Another plant which is very effective in some great gardens is the

CANNA OR INDIAN SHOT,

especially since the introduction of the large-flowered varieties of dwarf habit. These are cheap enough now for everybody to plant, and the roots may be lifted and preserved through the winter in sand safe from frost. But the Canna is never likely to become popular in the same sense as the geranium. It must have shelter from the wind, rich soil, and abundant supplies of moisture. In many gardens positions must be specially made for it, but it is a grand subject for a mass, and will do in the town garden where it feels at home. It would be a suitable subject for a tub in a warm back yard garden.

FUN GARDENING

is a most interesting subject for the back-yard gardener. Lard pails can be bought from the provision dealer for a very small sum. We can get them here for 2s. per dozen, and when a few holes are bored in the bottom and a coat of paint given they are really very neat and useful, and will last several years, and all plants do well in them. In the pails geraniums, fuchsias, Marguerites, begonias, Cannas, petunias, and other useful decorative subjects can be planted, and the back-yard made beautiful at a very trifling expense.

WATERING THE GARDEN.

Water or moisture is the life of the plant. In Mexico and other hot, dry countries, cactuses, aloes, and other self-contained plants have been evolved by the exigencies of the climate, which revel in the hot, dry climate. But here our plants must have moisture. But those who have studied the subject find as much easier to conserve the moisture already in the soil than to add to the supply after permitting its escape. Some things must, of course, be watered in a dry time, and irrigation makes the culture of many things possible that would not succeed without it, but irrigation in its proper sense is rather different to the dribbles of water, which many people call watering. It is better to trust to a loose surface from frequent hoeing than water by merely damping the surface, as many people do.

PLANTING TOMATOES OUTSIDE.

Tomatoes which have been hardened by exposure may be safely planted now. In small gardens they are commonly planted against walls and fences in good aspects, as the plants want sunshine. But they may be planted in a sunny spot anywhere and trained to stakes as the plants grow. The usual course is to plant in rows 3ft. apart and 18in. apart in the rows. There is nothing gained by closer planting, as there must be room to move among the plants to train and prune. The pruning can be done with the finger and thumb, and consists in rubbing off all side shoots when quite small. If the land is poor, as soon as the bottom trusses of blossoms are set a course of feeding may commence. The simplest way is to mulch round each plant with manure. This keeps the moisture in the soil, and gives nourishment at the same time. Poultry manure is best for tomato culture. Spread it in a thin layer round the plants, and if the weather is very dry give a good soaking of water. The roots will soon find it.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS.

The plants ought to be strong enough to set out now. They require a long season of growth. If you want plants of moderate size, allow 3ft. between the rows and 2ft. between the plants in the row. When crowded the stems are weak and the button-like sprouts small and inferior.

PEAS FOR PRESENT SOWING.

No Plus Ultra is an old favourite, but requires tall supports. Autocrat is an excellent kind to plant now. Walker's Perpetual is also a good sort. Draw drills 6in. wide. If the weather is dry soak the drills and plant the peas 3in. on the damp soil, and cover with the dry earth from the side of the drill. The drills should be drawn rather deeper now than they are in the season. Three inches will be a good average depth.

PLANT DAHLIAS.

These may safely be planted now if they have been hardened by exposure. The season of blooming is usually a short one, and plants which have been purchased in small pots will suffer if kept in them long. We have just finished planting ours. Water must be given to force the plants into growth, and stakes should be put to the plants at once. The cactus varieties are the most popular, and the flowers are useful for cutting.

WINDOW GARDENING.

Window boxes may be filled. One gets tired of the everlasting mixtures which everybody clings to. A box filled with one kind of plant—say, pink or ivy geraniums—is very much more effective than a mixture of many things, some of which may not succeed. Many people leave this matter to the florist, and he fills the boxes in a stereotyped way.

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NAVAL AND MILITARY EXHIBITION.

SPEECH BY LORD ROBERTS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The Crystal Palace most fittingly celebrated its 50th anniversary by the opening to the day (last Thursday) of a naval and military exhibition. This is one of the first of its class, and embraces objects of historical interest which range from the cloak that Wellington wore at Waterloo to the toy soldier section, wherein is shown thousands of the tiny toys representing the "Retreat from Moscow," and other historic scenes. The up-to-date exhibits amongst a large and interesting list include the historic balloon that played such an important part

THE UNVEILING OF LORD ROBERTS' EQUESTRIAN STATUE.

in the relief of Ladysmith, some magnificent models of battleships lent by the Thames Ironworks Co., and a monster gun loaned by Sir W. G. Armstrong (Whitworth and Co., of Elswick). This mammoth implement of warfare weighs when completely mounted 40 tons, and throws at the rate of four rounds a minute a shell weighing 210lb., the charge being 44lb. of cordite. The opening day of the exhibition may in future be known at the C.P. as the day of barricades, even the members of the Press having to suffer from this objectionable Parisian habit. Hardly a syllable of the speech of Earl Roberts was heard by the perturbed cherubs of the fourth estate perched very much up aloft in the gallery, bathed in baking sunshine, whose heat was much accelerated by the glass; and, perhaps, if it had not been for one enterprising Pressman squeezing his way through the crowd to the dais, Earl Roberts' historic speech

The Chairman.

Two great attractions, the Balloon from Ladysmith and the Elswick Gun. Some of the old soldiers present at the luncheon.

might have passed for ever into the shades. Smiling Lady Roberts performed the unveiling of the late Mr. Bates', R.A., equestrian statue of her brave and popular husband in businesslike fashion, and the hearty cheers of the assembled and barricaded crowds re-echoed through the Palace as the awning fell and the statue stood exposed to view. In his speech Earl Roberts mentioned the interesting fact that within the glass walls of the Palace he first saw the greatest general of his age—namely, the Duke of Wellington. He went on to say that the directors could not have chosen a more proper way of celebrating their jubilee than by holding this exhibition. Further on he mentioned that the military charities had already benefited by the sale of some £12,000 worth of tickets. The unveiling was accorded military honours by a guard of the 1st V.B. Royal West Surrey Regt. The exhibition bids fair to be one of the most complete and popular of its class that has been held for years; and, from the resulting prosperity, one can only wish a small modicum should be put apart for the recoating of the disconsolate sphinxs that sprawl their length in the beautiful Sydenham grounds.

THE WANDSWORTH CYCLING CASE.

DAVENISH v. JELFALO.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PEOPLE."]

Sir,—The Note in your Cycling Column on this case in your issue of May 18 is evidently based on an incorrect report. The facts, briefly, are these. In May, 1900, the handle of my bicycle came into slight collision with a lamp-post on Richmond Hill. On Feb. 3, 1901, the frame collapsed under me in Richmond Park, and threw me to the ground, causing injuries which were painful though not serious. I sued the defendants, who were the makers of the bicycle, in respect of the accident in February last, when there was no collision at all. The defendants contended that the breakdown in February was due to the collision ten months previously. I contended that it had nothing to do with this collision, but was owing to the insufficient strength of the frame; and the Judge concurred with this view. I shall be obliged by your inserting this correction.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. DAVENISH.

13 and 14, Walbrook, May 24.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

In addition to the numerous excursions referred to last week, the N.L.R. Co. announce cheap through tickets to Staines, Windsor, Maidenhead, Henley, Southend, and Dunmow-on-Crouch. Frequent trains will also be run to Richmond, Kew, and suburban stations.

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By LARRY LYNE.

"Larry Lynn" cannot correspond with his readers, nor can he upon any consideration undertake commissions.

[Notes on the week's racing with jottings and analysis of important impending races appear in full, together with selections for each day, in our Friday and Saturday editions. The whole is condensed into the briefest possible space in our Sunday issue, which only deals with Saturday's racing, and selections for the early part of the ensuing week. The earlier editions should be ordered through a Newsagent, or at the Railway Bookstalls.]

This week was a sufficiently quiet one to be appreciated prior to the busy holiday period. It divided the racing forces, too, north and south, although the Yorkshire round is vastly less important than that in August. The northern stables won the chief event, the Flying Dutchman's Handicap, with Dr. Jim—a moderate horse, like all the Malton trained animals just now. The event is, of course, tilted after the famous racehorse, whose name is so frequently quoted by racegoers, even of the present day.

The glories of the olden days at Bath, when the Somersetshire Stakes was a really big race, and Derby winners ran at the meeting—always famous for its Blue Ribbon market were somewhat recalled by the tremendously large attendance and brilliant weather.

There was nothing of great interest in Thursday's sport. Salisbury had the best racing, and here, too, the old time power of the Manton stable was recalled, for the brothers Taylor won three races. We only had interest in the Wiltshire Plate, and on the Gatwick running this was found to fall to Vestibon.

The end of the rounds, north and south, were not marked by any special feature, although, I suppose, we could term it a red-letter day for "Peopleites," seeing that all our three bets came off, and we got an extraordinary good figure, 3-1, considering the field, against the "good thing." Avidity. I rather regret missing Hasledene, as I remember her as a mare we backed at Epsom when she got badly off, and was finishing fast, which I remarked at the time. When there are such good men about as her owner, Mr. "Teddy" Irish it is really marvellous how backers are lured into dealing with the packs of thieves posing as s.p. agents, who, if they got their deserts, would be languishing in gaol, instead of living a life of luxury and buying houses in their wives' names. Prim Alice, a nice three-year-old, scored easily, whilst Sam Loates (who is the only one who can do anything with the horse) got Avidity to go, so that his last year's second in the Chesterfield Handicap was now turned into a first. Only a moderate horse, Avidity has been a rare slave to Sir Blundell. A curious characteristic of the five-year-olds is that he won't gallop a yard at Newmarket. Seminola, backed each way, just missed a place in the Don Plate. She has cost Elsey's people a ton of money, for they have supported her now four times, at first in good company. Salisbury's feature was Darling's double success with Uncle Sol and Sinepi, the latter belonging to America's crack polo player, Mr. Foxhall Keene. It was a curious handicap; in fact, after Kempton's Prix Sinepi was put in here at a weight that made it impossible for a nice class three-year-old like Eistenian to win under a postage stamp. I had hoped that Domain and three or four more would have gone, and that we should have had "evens."

There has been a hue and cry raised pretty universally of late in regard to the absurdly lenient treatment of certain horses which has resulted in their victorious sequence in handicaps. These results, although not desirable, are by no means to be laid to the fault of the handicappers, in defence of whom I urge the positive fact that they must be guided in handicapping horses by actual public form, and that alone. They see, and not upon any ideas of possible improvement or other imaginary matters. In regard to Australian Star's astounding improvement no human foresight could anticipate this. The horse was bound to be treated upon his public performances, his efforts when well backed in last autumn's Duke of York Stakes, Cambridgeshire, and Liverpool Cup, entitling him every whit to the leniency shown in the recent batch of spring handicaps. It is no sinecure to be an official handicapper, and as one of the leaders of that unenviable craft points out to me, "had a certain winner been given 1lb. more than was the case he would assuredly have been reported by the owner to the Stewards of the Jockey Club, and reprimanded"—as "on the book"—the case would undoubtedly have deserved.

Having found a grievous fault, the suggestion naturally occurs as to what can be the remedy. It lies in this, that the handicaps for a whole batch of important spring events need not and should not be made at one and the same very early date. Why should the weights, say for the City and Suburban, be published prior to the decision of the Lincoln Handicap. Then again must the Jubilee Stakes imposts be allotted before the decision of the Epsom race, and so on? Intervals of five clear days would seem necessarily to be promulgated so very much in anticipation should be the introduction of a rule, as in athletics, enabling the handicapper to penalise a horse according to his ideas of the nature of his victory, up to a certain reasonable limit, after his previous success and up to the time of running.

LATEST.

Being one of the few really old-fashioned types of meeting, savouring more of healthy sport rather than business and "gate," it is more than a pity that the annual cell afternoon at Harpenden yesterday proved a mere travesty on racing. On the natural winding tracks, better than the Ascot Derby and other winners have been galloped in the past—the Common—or No Man's Land, as it is locally termed, would again be a useful and picturesque training ground. As usual here, trainers did well with their own horses, but the popular win was that of the neighbouring Childwick Squire, Sir Blundell, with the unlucky Compliment. I did hope the ring would field for Lady Athel, and take 5 or 6 to 4. We have backed Compliment—usually second—seven or eight times—this was a nice (?) chance of getting one's money back. Mr. Singer is so determined to win a race that O'Donovan Rossa was sent to pick up the paltry Town Handicap. This policy seemed faulty with a valuable Hurst engagement in view, so I am really glad that as Lester Reiff was booked for Impious and Madden claimed for Filassier, the horse was not started. Those who were advised to back him yesterday can confidently renew the allegiance on Tuesday, when they shall get something of a price. Curiously, the only race in which it was not a case of odds on was the Hunters' Plate—an immoveable event from the Harpenden card. This used to be a benefit for Mr. "Chris" Waller. Lord Rosslyn now scored easily for Mr. Francis Cobb, who, I believe, will not again ride over a country. If not a great jockey, he is a fine horseman—a seeming impossibility—and such a sportsman. I should have liked to see the diminutive Sais get second, for on my advice Mr. Maan recently bought the horse with the idea of winning this race. The important victory of the day was of course Joe the Marine's in the Handicap. Lucky to miss meeting Mackintosh, and of the best opponent. But why of course people will not tend their own local meetings perhaps once or twice a year. Then, if even in their small way they are fleeced, anger and disgust naturally ensue, and public expression of such opinion spreads and brings bad odour to what should be sport of the highest character.

My note of last week relative to a pending exposé of a West-end commission agent's business has brought me a mass of correspondence from victims of these many swindlers, enquiring if the respective "firms" named are those in question. For a day or two matters can be dormant—advisedly—whilst enquiry is being made by the only law these rascals fear—the criminal side. In the interim let me name how this particular one is only one of thousands, but being personally concerned, the indisputable facts are in my knowledge, and the "showing up" will not only spoil the defaulter's "little game," but be a warning to the incredibly large number of gullible "mugs" that exist all over Great Britain. Let me advise my many readers not to bet with anyone and everyone; speaking generally, not one in 20 of these commission agents are solvent, or even honest. Those that are do not ply people with circulars—or indiscriminately send out neat little pocket books—this is the "sprat." They are mere words, but true—that they never pay anybody—except, perhaps, a small amount on "bait" to lead one on. Each day's racing adds fresh victims—everything that goes into their hand never leaves it. Although I cannot, of course, undertake to reply, I shall be glad to hear from any of my readers who have been "had"—with full details and documents. Next week I expect to be able to give a few names—one man alone is trading (?) in five or six different styles—none of them his own name.

"Flea" Fletcher will be back for Henley.

Walton Regatta, which fell through last year, will be held again this season, and will take prior to Henley.

It is possible that course of next season's cross-country championships will be decided over the Lingfield Park Racecourse.

G. H. Jupp, the crack sprinter, really intends to train more seriously than ever this summer, and to run all distances up to and including quarter-mile.

Despite his absence abroad Lord Ampthill continues as President of the London Rowing Club, whilst F. S. Lowe is yet again captain.

Merchant Taylors have a wonderfully good all round athlete in J. E. Raphael, who has won a substantial scholarship at St. John's, Cambridge. He leaves here in readiness for the full four year's term in October.

It is interesting to note that for the present cricket season Surrey have far and away the biggest fixture list for first class matches in which they will be engaged, totalling 33. Last year's champion county, Notts, come next with 28, and there is a drop to the 20 of Lancs and 17 of Sussex, on the 25 of Gloster and Worcester. Kent have engaged themselves for 24 games, as have Leicester, Derby, Essex and Notts playing 22, Somerset 20, Hants and Warwick 19, and Middlesex 18.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

HARPENDEN MEETING.

The HARPENDEN TOWN HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr. G. Cottrell's Impious, 3yrs, 8st 6lb ..... L. Reiff 1
Mr. F. Taylor's Myrnie, 3yrs, 7st 11lb ..... W. Lane 2
Mr. R. Maguire's Filassier, aged, 9st 3lb ..... O. Madden 3

Winner trained by Hornsby.

Also ran: Gaiety gelding (Tasker), Play Pong (S. Loates), Sleepless (Broom), Lady Valence (Stokes). Betting: 5 to 4 on Impious, 3 to 1 agst Filassier, 8 to 1 agst Myrnie, and 100 to 8 agst any other. Won by a length and a-half. 3rd.

The ROTHAMSTEAD STAKES of 3 sovs. each, with at least 100 sovs. added, for two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

Mr. C. W. Golding's Liberation, 8st 12lb ..... S. Loates 1
Mr. F. Taylor's Gloriole filly, 8st ..... W. Lane 2
Mr. Doggett's Sprig, 8st 6lb..... O. Madden 3

Winner trained by Golding.

Also ran: Sovrani (E. James). Betting: 5 to 4 on Liberation, 4 to 1 agst Gloriole filly, and 5 to 1 agst any other. Won by a head; 1½ and 3rd.

The ALEXANDRA STAKES of 3 sovs. each, with at least 100 added, for two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

Mr. John Watts's Bonnie Scotland, 9st 3lb ..... O. Madden 3
Sir J. Blundell Maple's Simony, 8st 5lb ..... S. Loates 2
Mr. A. M. Singer's Eulalia filly, 8st 5lb ..... G. Gibson 3

Winner trained by Hayhoe.

Betting: 4 to 1 on Bonnie Scotland, 4 to 1 agst Simony, and 50 to 1 agst Eulalia filly. Won by 3 lengths; bad 3rd.

The HERTFORDSHIRE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and three furlongs.

Mr. H. Barnes's Joe the Marine, 4yrs, 8st 5lb ..... O. Madden 1
Mr. W. Nichols's Old Patch, 5yrs, 7st 3lb ..... W. Lane 2

Winner trained by Barnes.

Betting: Evens Joe the Marine. Won by a length.

The NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE of 50 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. F. Cobb's Lord Ronald, 6yrs, 12st 3lb ..... Mr. F. Cobb 1
Mr. J. Moffat's Peopleton, aged, 12st 3lb ..... Mr. J. Moffat 2
Mr. D. Maan's Sais, 5yrs, 11st 13lb ..... Mr. D. Maan 3

Winner trained by Orbell.

Also ran: Square (Mr. Heyshan), Kumasi (Mr. Gordon), No Fool (Mr. H. Ripley). Betting: 6 to 4 agst Kumasi, 9 to 4 agst Lord Ronald, 5 to 1 agst Peopleton, 7 to 1 agst Sais, 9 to 1 agst No Fool, and 10 to 1 agst Square. Won in a canter by six lengths.

The HIGH FIRS PLATE of 100 sovs. One mile and a furlong.

Sir J. Blundell Maple's Compliment, 3yrs, 6st ..... S. Loates 1
Mr. Maguire's Lady Athel, aged, 9st 4lb ..... O. Madden 2

Winner trained by C. Waugh.

Betting: 7 to 2 on Compliment.

The CHILDWICK PLATE did not fill.

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100 to 30 agst Kumasi, 6	7 to 2 — Kumasi's	1
	7 to 1 — Ill-tide	1
	7 to 1 — Aquasvim	1
10 to 1 — Rosemate, 5		
20 to 1 — Orbell, 4		
7 to 1 agst Valedictorian, 5	7 to 1 — Handicapper, 4	
7 to 1 — Handicapper, 4		
10 to 1 — Rosemate, 5		
100 to 8 — Kumasi, 6		
Rosyth,		

100 to 7 agst Hermitage, 4	7 to 2 — Parthian II,	1
100 to 7 — Parthian II,		
100 to 6 — Sounds, 5		
100 to 7 agst William the Conqueror, 5	100 to 7 — William the Conqueror, 5	
	20 to 1 — Valiant, 5	
	20 to 1 — Orobia, 5	
	25 to 1 — Orbell, 4	
	100 to 1 — Wargrave, 5	

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CRICKET.

SOUTH AFRICANS v. KENT.

Kent beat the South Africans team on Friday at Beckenham by 7 runs, W. M. Bradley and Blythe each capturing 3 of the Colonial wickets in the second innings. Score: Kent, 227 and 139 (for 3); South Africans, 225 and 139.

DERBYSHIRE v. M.C.C.

For the fourth time this season Derby suffered defeat—this time at the hands of the M.C.C., who won by 9 wickets. Score: M.C.C., 257 and 85 (for 1); Derbyshire, 130 and 177.

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TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

Sunday Morning.

Once again the King has shown, by conferring a peerage upon Sir Alfred Milner, his remarkable capacity for interpreting the deep, though inexperienced feeling of his people. There was no "mafficking" over Sir Alfred's return, but the pro-Boer journals who interpret the absence of that particular form of rejoicing as meaning that the people's heart is not stirred by his splendid work are sadly out of it. The work of a statesman does not suddenly unloose the pent-up feelings of an anxious nation as does the relief of a beleaguered and hard-pressed post. It appeals to their deeper and more thoughtful instincts, and it is greeted in the appropriate way. No one who witnessed Sir Alfred's return could doubt what are the real sentiments of the nation towards his work.

If the King has shown himself exceptionally capable of expressing all our feelings, he has not the less displayed that quality which Englishmen are apt to regard as perhaps the highest of all. I mean, of course, personal courage and coolness in danger. The extreme peril in which he stood when all the top-hamper of Shamrock II. came down with a run, most of us can appreciate. He will certainly never be nearer to death than he was there, and I think we all feel a thrill of pride that in the moment of imminent deadly peril our English King never turned a hair. Not many of us could have shown the same calm courage; but, after all, it is what our Kings have taught us to expect from them, for never yet, from Alfred to Edward VII., did a coward sit upon the English Throne. Even John had pluck.

It is difficult for anyone who has not essayed the task to criticise the management of the House of Commons, since there are so many factors to be taken into account, which only the leader himself can know. Yet I cannot help venturing to think that the holiday upon which it has now entered is to be somewhat unduly prolonged, and that it would have done members no particular harm if a day or two had been cut off. And I confess I cannot understand why the Government have not taken the first Tuesday after the holidays for their own business. There is lots of it to be got through, and, as it is, that day will be wasted on unimportant Irish motions which cannot have the slightest result.

The fact is that if the House is to get through its business we must have a much more frequent application of the closure in Supply. The maxim that the discussion of grievances must precede the grant of supplies was all very well when it was not abused, but at present it is simply utilised as a means of obstruction and for preventing the House from dealing with matters of real importance. In the main the existing forms of the House were devised on the supposition that the men who employed them might differ from one another, but would not desire deliberately to impede public business. That fiction must be discarded if we are to get any real work done.

Among the measures which are endangered by the prolongation of the holidays is the Sale of Liquor to Children Bill, and its supporters are making a strong effort to secure special terms for it from the Government. I am glad to see that the Unionists who are interested in the Beer Bill are determined that whatever terms are given to one measure should be granted to the other. If anything, I think there is a greater public demand for the Beer Bill than for the Sale of Liquor to Children Bill, and I hope Mr. Balfour will take this fact into consideration.

The 43 additional acres are, I am glad to see, to be secured for Brockwell Park, but I notice the usual tendency of the London County Council to assume the whole credit for having saved this land for the public. It is a way they have when they take a share in any good work. It ought to be known, however, that though the Council have done their share they have done no more, and that four municipal bodies, six City companies, and four other public bodies, besides private donors, have really done a good deal more, and ought to get their share of the credit.

During the last day or two the fifth annual report of that admirable society, the Naval Employment Agency, has been put into my hands. I see from it that 828 retired sailors were provided with permanent employment during the last two years, and I think that in itself speaks volumes for the work of the agency. Doubtless the fact that Jack makes a splendid servant for almost any work that requires intelligence has very much assisted the officers who manage it, but I fear he would often be left upon his beam ends but for their efforts. Anyone who desires to know more of the agency or to avail himself of its advantages has only to communicate with the hon. secretary at 8, Craig's-court, Whitehall, S.W.

The Money Lenders' Act of 1900 was designed to deal with a great and growing public evil, but if the Board of Inland Revenue persist in their present policy it seems to me it will be reduced to a dead letter. Apparently they have instructed their subordinates not to report cases where money-lenders have failed to register themselves under the Act, as they do not intend to prosecute. This seems to me to be absolutely wrong, and I trust the Government will convey to the Board an expression of their opinion that they ought to put the law in force in every case they discover.

How many more new animals are going to be discovered? We have rumours of a giant sloth in Patagonia, positive evidence of the existence of the helladotherium, which appears to be a compound of a horse and a giraffe, and seems to be named with singular fitness, in Central Africa, news of a five-horned giraffe from the same part of the world, and the discovery of a marsupial made in Australia. Now, this is all very well, but what we really want is an animal which will provide us with some variation upon the eternal beef and mutton of our households. In fact, we want a new meat. Look to it, my masters, you who explore the forgotten cranies of the earth.

WIDE AWAKE.

CHINA.

THE LOOTING TROUBLE.

AMERICAN LADY AND CURIO DEALER.

The "New York Herald" has received the following telegram, dated Peking, May 23:—The last general meeting of the Diplomatic Corps was the scene of a more acute phase of the loot controversy. The question was raised by diplomats friendly to Lady MacDonald, who think that a grave injustice was done to her in one of Gen. Chaffee's letters. The Ministers of two European countries rose successively and made statements as to Lady MacDonald's behaviour on the day of the first visit of the Allies to the Forbidden City. The statements were practically identical. The Ministers were with her throughout the day, and she left the palace with no plunder except a yellow rose plucked in the garden of the Empress. "We did, however," they continued, "witnesse one scene of looting which, together with Lady MacDonald, we tried unsuccessfully to prevent. In the palace we met the wife of an American diplomat, accompanied by

AN AMERICAN CURIO DEALER.

We suggested that the reception was exclusively for members of the Diplomatic Corps, but the American diplomat's wife persisted in taking the curio dealer, whose expert opinion she wanted on the value of the Empress's ornaments. On reaching the pavilion the curio dealer said, 'Here, I am informed, the most valuable porcelains are concealed.' Under the protest of Lady MacDonald and ourselves, the wife of the American diplomat tried to open the cupboard. Finally she called to an American soldier, who prised the cupboard open with his bayonet. Thereupon, not wishing to assist at a scene we could not prevent, we withdrew." The American representative made no reply, but it is confidently expected that he or the husband of the accused lady will demand a retractation.—Reuter.

THE INDEMNITY.

San Francisco, May 25.—Mr. Hay, in the course of an interview, said it was possible that the United States Government might yet put forward a plan for the reduction in the payment of the Chinese indemnities which would prove acceptable to the other Powers interested. He added that the next action of the United States had not yet been decided upon.—Reuter.

FRENCH AND CHINESE DISPERSING BOXERS.

Berlin, May 25.—Count von Waldersee reports from Peking:—"Russian Consular advices agree in stating that Gen. Tung-fuh-siang, with only a few troops, is in the province of Kansu, where he is being closely watched, and that Prince Tuan, with ten attendants, is a fugitive in Mongolia, where the people are quiet. These statements agree with my own information. Gen. Baillaud, in conjunction with Chinese regular troops, has dispersed large bands of Boxers near An-pfing, south of Pao-ting-fu. The French had two men slightly wounded."—Reuter.

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN HONG KONG.

Hong Kong, May 25.—An alarming increase of the bubonic plague is occurring here. There are now 40 fresh cases daily. The authorities are taking the most drastic sanitary measures to check the progress of the pest. They have closed several blocks of European and Chinese houses which are known to be infected. Since the end of January there have been 749 cases reported, with the large proportion of 689 deaths. Only ten of the cases were Europeans, and of these there were four deaths.—Central News.

CAPT. NEWTON HALL.

Washington, May 25.—Capt. Newton Hall has been tried by court-martial on a charge of cowardice during the siege of the Legations in Peking, and has been honourably acquitted. The court held that the captain committed an error of judgment in abandoning the wall during the siege, but affirms that there was no grounds for the charge of cowardice.—Dalziel.

THE WAR.

DASH TO THE SOUTH UNDER KRITZINGER.

Middelburg (Cape Colony), May 25.—The Boer commandoes which have been concentrating in the Zuurberg started southwards early yesterday morning, to the number of about 600, Kritsinger being in command. Col. Gorringe's column is in pursuit.—Reuter.

MILITARY FUNERAL DISALLOWED.

Much indignation was caused at Bath yesterday by the refusal of the military authorities to allow local Volunteers to give a military funeral to Col. Randle Ford, who was the first Volunteer in Somerset. The district officer at Taunton had sanctioned the parade, but Gen. Butler, commanding the Western Regimental District, overrode his decision, the telegram, arriving an hour before the funeral, stating that the parade could not be allowed.

A RELIC OF THE PRINCESS ALICE.

At Messrs. Debenham, Storr and Sons auction rooms, in Covent Garden, the burgee, or pennant, of the ill-fated excursion steamer, Princess Alice, which was sunk in the Thames in September, 1878, with about 700 passengers on board, came up for sale, and was knocked down for two guineas.

CANADIAN CONCESSION TO THE UNITED STATES.

New York, May 25.—The Dominion Government has courteously waived all objection to the presence of two American gunboats on the Great Lakes on condition that they be used only as naval militia. The request from Washington was made through the Imperial Government, and the consent of the Canadian Government was readily obtained.—Central News.

NEW PIER AT MINEHEAD.

Minehead, the pleasant West Somerset watering place, wore a gay appearance yesterday, on the occasion of the opening of a new pier, which has been erected at a cost of £12,000. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. G. Fownes Luttrell, of Dunster Castle. The pier will enable passengers to land at nearly all tides.

LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

HOME.

The Stockton-on-Tees Volunteers left for their annual encampment at Scarborough.

Jno. Hy. Gordon, charged at Buxton with a cheque forgery, admitted the offence and was committed for trial.

A signalman named Brown was run over near Hull, on the Hull and Barnsley Rly., and killed.

Sheffield was invaded by nearly 6,000 "Christian Endeavourers" attending a national convention in the town.

Jno. Bacon, 82, retired tailor, was knocked down by a train at a level crossing near Oxford, and killed.

May Cohen, 15, while washing a skylight at Northwich, fell through the glass and was very seriously injured.

After June 30 the price of gas supplied by the Salford Corporation is to be increased 4d. per 1,000 feet.

A fire occurred at the Wigg Chemical Works, Runcorn, belonging to the United Alkali Co., and damage was done estimated at £25,000.

A number of delegates to the Whitsuntide Conference of the London Unity of Oddfellows arrived at Coventry.

The members of the 1st Service Co. of the Leeds Rifle Volunteers had an enthusiastic reception on their return from S. Africa.

The crowning of the Rose Queen took place at Atherton in glorious weather, and in presence of many thousands of visiters.

Wm. Clarke, ironworker, was remanded at Wednesbury charged with seriously assaulting Alex. Henderson, who was unable to appear.

A deputation waited upon the Cork Gas Directors asking them to take the strikers back, and promised to give no further trouble.

An explosion occurred in the cartridge department of Kynoch and Co., near Barnsley. Two men were badly injured.

An inquest was held on Rd. Smith, 50, farmer, of Castle Hill Farm, Birtle, killed by being run over with a horse and cart. Verdict accidental death.

The body of Edmund Fitton, papermaker, 47, was found in the water at Pimhole, Bury, he having left his home in the early morning.

The largest demonstration and carnival ever held in N. Lancs took place at Ulverston in aid of the hospital funds.

In memory of the late Gen. Wauchope, who fell at Magersfontein, a memorial in the shape of a Celtic Cross, was unveiled at Niddrie, Midlothian, by Sir C. Dalrymple, M.P.

FOREIGN.

Earthquake shocks have been felt at Coni, Italy, and Motril, Spain.

Fire broke out on Friday in the air shaft of the Hermann mine at Waldenburg.

A memorial tree, dedicated to the late Queen Victoria, has been planted at Dobbs Ferry, New York.—Reuter.

The s.s. Baltimore foundered on Lake Huron, near Au Sable, Michigan, on Friday. Twelve of the crew of 14 were drowned.—Reuter.

The first-class Russian battleship Slava, which is to be built at the Baltic dockyards, is to cost 13,000,000 roubles.

An official despatch from Batavia states that 178 natives perished and nine persons were injured by the eruption of the volcano of Keleet, Java.—Reuter.

In the allotment of the New Four Per Cent. Russian Loan (says Reuter's Paris correspondent) applicants for fully paid-up bonds will receive 15 per cent., while applicants for [illegible] up bonds will receive 2½ per cent.

The situation in Morocco is assuming a serious aspect. The Emperor is willing to grant an indemnity for the murder of a French citizen by Riff pirates, but declines to give any explanation as to the letter he wrote to the Arab tribes at Tuat and Titikelt, urging them to resist the rule of France.—Dalziel.

CHARGE OF BIGAMY.

At Clerkenwell yesterday, Chas. Aylmore, clerk, Compton-rd., Highbury, was charged on remand with feloniously intermarrying Alice Willis, on June 30, at the Registrar's Office, Croydon, his wife, Amy Aylmore, being alive.—It was stated that prisoner was married on the first occasion on May 12, 1894, at the Greenwich Registrar's Office. They lived together until about 14 months ago, when accused left his wife, making her a small weekly allowance. He became acquainted with Miss Willis, draper's assistant, to whom he represented himself as a bachelor, and subsequently went through a form of marriage with her. Of the second union there was one child. Prisoner said he thought his first marriage illegal. His first wife and he were under age, and they made a false statement by representing they were 21. They were married without their parents' consent, and his wife was not of English parentage.—Alice Willis said accused had treated her with every love and respect.—Committed for trial.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND THE COAL TAX.

The committee appointed by the Newcastle Exchange on the subject of the Coal Tax yesterday issued a circular, in which they contend that the assumptions on which the Chancellor of the Exchequer rested his case for the proposed duty, at least so far as Northumberland was concerned, were based on a misunderstanding of the trade, and that even if his projected modification of the tax were at all possible, the coalowners of Northumberland would be driven from the markets where they can at present sell at a profit to markets where they would only be able to work at a loss.

MAN DECAPITATED BY AN ELECTRIC TRAMCAR.

A shocking electric tramcar fatality, the second within the period of a week, occurred in Sheffield last evening. As a car was proceeding towards Brightside a man endeavoured to cross the road in front of it. The driver rung the warning gong without avail, and energetic efforts to stop the car in time were unavailing, and the man was knocked down and entangled in the machinery. The body, on being extricated, presented a shocking spectacle, being practically decapitated. The identity of deceased has not yet been ascertained.

Lord and Lady Roberts arrived at Market Harboro' last evening on a visit to Lord and Lady Downe at Dingley Hall.

COVENT GARDEN OPERA

REALISM AND ITS RESULTS.

Those who have a memory for such things can run off at a moment's notice instances in which stage realism has been unwittingly carried to such a pitch as to actually affect that which it was intended but to simulate. "Lohengrin," the opera at Covent Garden last night, is not unassociated with such a circumstance, and the sword is now always sheathed in the bridal chamber attack because on one occasion the assault was so vehement that the weapon laid low the mystic knight. Last night we had such an attack, but in the first, not the third act. There had been the charge of murder against Elsa, and Lohengrin having appeared, in the person of Herr Knote, to champion her cause, forthwith engaged in combat with the accusing Telramund, a part essayed for the first time at Covent Garden by Herr Mohwinkel—indeed, both artists were new to the roles, so far as London is concerned.

With shield and sword they clashed together once and retired, and again they came together with a force there was no mistaking. Sometimes the stage combat is long, sometimes short. Last night, whatever had been intended, the fight ended at the second clash of arms. Telramund was seen to stagger, and those who were near were alarmed to observe blood streaming down his face. Instead of falling to the ground in grovelling defeat Herr Mohwinkel sought refuge among his soldiery. Many rather welcomed what appeared a new rendering of the part, but as a matter of fact the singer had received a severe cut over the nose — whether from the sword of Lohengrin, or the edge of his own shield or helmet, was not made clear. A doctor was summoned, and further appearance last night was out of the question. It was left to Mr. Neil Forsyth, at obviously a moment's notice, to rearrange the cast, and he did so to the best advantage. Herr Muhlmann, whose magnificent voice had been heard as the Heerrufer, stepped into the gap and carried forward the part of Telramund, while M. Dufriche sang what remained of the music of the Herald. Naturally the keenest sympathy was felt for Herr Mohwinkel who, if he had earlier given a rather colourless Telramund, ended with the utmost realism.

As for the rest of the performers, the Elsa of Mdme. Eames is a familiar and eminently pleasing interpretation. She was in excellent voice last night, and worthily gained her customary triumph. The Lohengrin of Herr Knote has many good points, but there is little of the heroic in his rendering. If one may so put it, his is a Lohengrin not of the inspired order, but a Lohengrin of the middle-classes—precise in form vocally, of much beauty, in many respects entirely adequate, but yet a conception rather unimaginative, and, certainly, uninspired. That it was a muscular Knight of the Grail Herr Mohwinkel can, unfortunately, only too readily testify. The King of Herr Blass was poor, and the Ortrud of Frau Frankel Claus was more than poor; it was entirely lacking in dramatic significance, and, vocally, was quite inadequate. Herr Lohse conducted with the greatest success. His rendering of the overture was a musical treat which those who came late (and their name is usually legion) deserved to miss. As to the chorus, there is only one word for their singing—it was execrable. They seemed to have had intention, quite apart from ability, to sing in tune. "Lohengrin" will be repeated on Tuesday, with these changes in the cast—Elsa, Fran Gadski; Telramund, Herr Muhlmann; Ortrud, Mdlle. Olitska; and Mr. Earle as the Herald.

A BAD GIRL.

At Kingston-on-Thames yesterday, Selina Wood, 17, living in Canbury Park-rd., Kingston, was charged with stealing a lady's bicycle at Hersham. The bicycle was stolen from outside a shop, where it was left standing. Information was conveyed to the police, and a police sergt. stated that he mounted his own bicycle and went in pursuit. He overtook prisoner at W. Molesey wheeling the bicycle in the direction of Kingston. She admitted the theft. Learning that the girl could ride a bicycle, he adjusted the saddle of the stolen machine, which was too high, and she rode it back with him to the Hersham police station.—It was stated that prisoner was a bad girl, and that her parents could do nothing with her. Some time ago she stole a gold chain and some money from her sister's purse, and also hired a bicycle from a Mr. Watts at Kingston, and had not returned it.—The magistrates ordered her to be taken to the St. Katharine's Sisterhood Home at Fulham.

SHOCKING SUDDEN DEATHS.

At Coomb's Wood, Halesowen, yesterday, Arthur Heaton, clerk, was seized with a fit of coughing, broke a blood vessel, and almost immediately bled to death. The shock was so great to his father, Jno. W. Heaton, as to cause a paralytic seizure, and he fell down unconscious. He never recovered, and died almost immediately. The two deaths created quite a consternation in the district.

SAD FATALITY.

Yesterday morning Wilfred Allen, of Nottingham, accompanied by his wife and brother, left Douglas to spend the day in a sailing boat, in charge of Hy. Watterson. It appears Allen landed at Calf Island for the purpose of taking a few photographs. As he did not return to the boat within a reasonable time, the boatman rowed round the island, and was horrified to find Allen's body in the water. He is supposed to have fallen in from the cliff whilst taking a snapshot at the sea fowls' nests.

ODD INCIDENT ON AN AMERICAN TRANSPORT

New York, May 25. — Telegrams from Tacoma State of Washington describe how a rumpus arose at that port by the action of the officers of the U.S. transport Rosencrans celebrating Queen Victoria's birthday yesterday by substituting the Union Jack at the mainmast for the U.S. flag. A deputation of the residents of Tacoma boarded the Rosencrans, protested against this violation of recognised regulations, and compelled the restoration of the U.S. flag. Another American transport in the port hoisted the Union Jack underneath the Stars and Stripes, and this elicited no criticism.—Central News.

LATEST THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL GOSSIP.

In to-morrow night's (Whit Monday) revival of "Robespierre" at the Lyceum, Sir Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry are to have the support of Mr. Harry B. Stanford, Mr. Lawrence Irving, Mr. Dodsworth, Mr. Tyars, Mr. Archer, Miss Mabel Hackney, Miss Maud Milton, Miss Ada Mellon, etc. This most interesting revival can only be staged for a limited number of nights. It was not among the Lyceum revivals of last season.

The Japanese players, under the auspices of Mr. E. G. Saunders, are due at the Coronet Theatre on July 1. It is rumoured that they intend to produce a Japanese version of "Nell Gwyn."

Of course, the feature of the concert of the Tonal Art Club, at Wellington Hall, N.W., on Tuesday evening, was the playing of Mdlle. Johanna Heymann and M. Emil Sauret. They were heard together in the "Kreutzer Sonata," and gave a magnificent rendering of Beethoven's great work for violin and pianoforte. The splendid technique and musicianly temperament of Mdlle. Heymann was also evidenced in Schubert's "Impromptu" Op. 142, in which delightful delicacy of touch was displayed, and the same remark applies to her rendering of Carl Heymann's "Elfenspiel." M. Sauret played two violin solos of his own composing, and both artists were warmly applauded for their splendid contributions.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Lionel Brough. Mr. Brough has the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends and admirers.

"Richard Yea and Nay" is being dramatised by Mr. Alf. Sutro, whose admirable translation of Maeterlinck's charming volume on "The Bee" is one of the books of the season.

It strikes one as rather odd that the late W. G. Wills' relative, the Rev. Freeman Wills, should think a fresh version of "Eugene Aram" necessary. He has, however, provided Mr. Martin Harvey with a new play on the old subject. The other Wills' drama was an excellent one, and met with considerable success at the Lyceum with Sir Henry Irving in the title role.

"A Lady From Texas," Mrs. O'Connor's new play, will be produced at Penley's Theatre, Great Queen-st., on Saturday next. The piece is in three acts and three sets. Seeing that Mr. Charles Cartwright is down for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, one may look for at least a suggestion of political motive. There are dukes and ladies of title in the dramatis personæ and they will be artistically represented if the admirable list of players entrusted with the leading parts is any criterion of what the critics and public may expect.

Sir Alex. Mackenzie's dramatic suite, "Coriolanus," will, by kind permission of Sir Henry Irving, be performed for the first time in concert form at Queen's Hall on Saturday afternoon, June 8, by Mr. Newman's Queen's Hall Orchestra, under the conductorship of the composer at the concert given by the Royal Opera and Mr. Robert Newman.

Messrs. A. and S. Gatti and Chas. Frohmann have arranged to give a special performance of "Sweet and Twenty" at the Vaudeville in aid of the Arthur Sullivan Memorial Fund. The date will be duly announced.

Wilson Barrett's new play, entitled "The Christian King; or, Alfred of Engleland," was performed for copyright purposes yesterday at the Grand Theatre, Swansea, there are very strong parts for the following ladies and gentlemen:—Miss Lilian McCarthy, Miss Gertrude Boswell, Miss Edyth Ladmer, Miss Daisy Belmore, Mr. Ambrose Manning, Mr. Carter Edwards, Mr. Horace Hodges, Mr. Basil Gill, and Mr. George Barrett. Wilson Barrett has himself one of the strongest parts he has had for years.

AN IMBECILE BURNT TO DEATH.

A fire broke out in an old cottage at Queenstown, Willesden, yesterday, and before the Willesden Fire Brigade were able to subdue the flames a blind imbecile lad, aged 18, was burned to death.

A BERMONDSEY ROUGH.

Ed. Holland, 25, waterside labourer, of Perseverance-st., Bermondsey, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting P.C. 366 M.—The officer said prisoner and three other men were dancing in Parker's-row, Bermondsey, on Friday afternoon. He said, "If you interfere with us I will knock your brains out," and struck witness on the head. In the struggle which followed he kicked the witness in the back.—Several previous convictions for assault were proved, and prisoner was sentenced to a month.

SPARKS FROM THE ENGINE.

There was an exciting fire at Stevenage, near Hatfield, on the G.N.R., yesterday, when a fast goods train from King's Cross to the north was noticed partially enveloped in flames. A slight wind prevailed, and though the train was brought to a standstill, and the local fire brigade summoned, the flames spread rapidly from waggon to waggon until four, containing valuable goods were destroyed, and others damaged. Only a few days since a similar outbreak occurred to a Scotch goods train near Huntingdon, when £1,000 worth of damage was done. Sparks from the engine caused both fires.

SCHOOLBOY'S SUICIDE.

The Coventry coroner held an inquest on Ernest G. Poole, son of a designer. On Friday night, having shown his brother "how they garotted in Spain," deceased went to an outhouse and hanged himself. The jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst temporarily insane, probably brought on by over study. Deceased was "top boy" at the public school he attended and was rather morose in his manner.

IRISH DISLOYALTY.

The United Irish League of Great Britain at its annual convention at Bristol yesterday passed a resolution putting Home Rule in the forefront of the articles of constitution. The convention also protested against the increased taxation in furtherance of war, which they condemned as a wicked invasion of the liberties of two brave and independent people. Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., supporting the resolution, which was passed with enthusiasm, said an Irishman could not use his time, strength and health worse than in fighting for such a terrible and unjust war. It was agreed to hold next year's convention at Manchester. Mr. T. P. O'Connor was re-elected president.

THE VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

IMPORTANT LONG-DISTANCE SIGNALLING.

In accordance with the practice of recent years at Whitsuntide, an important scheme of signalling operations by day and night was commenced yesterday by the signallers of nearly all the corps in the Home District under the direction of Lieut. J. B. Arbuthnot, of the Scots Guards, the ground covered extending from Guildford to Portsmouth Harbour.

THE "GENERAL IDEA"

governing the scheme assumed that an invader was advancing from the S. and S.E. of England to capture London, the defence of which was entrusted temporarily to an Army Corps with headquarters at Aldershot. The three divisions of signallers engaged in the defence operated in the vicinity of the following towns:—1st Division, Maidstone, opposed to force landing near Brighton, and 3rd Division, Portsmouth, opposed to force landing near that town.

THE SIGNALLERS

were detailed: Those of the North London Brigade to maintain communication from Guildford to Betchworth of the S. London Brigade from Betchworth to Sevenoaks, of the E. London Brigade from Sevenoaks to Maidstone, of the W. London Brigade from St. Martha's to Weaver's Down, and of the Surrey Brigade from Weaver's Down to Portsmouth Harbour, while the Cinque Ports Engineers of the 1st London Artillery and the Hon. Artillery Co. covered the line from St. Martha's to Horsham, via Leath Hill Rowhook.

ORDERS WERE ISSUED

that station diaries were to be kept by officers and non-com. officers in charge, to be forwarded (with the messages transmitted) through brigade signalling officers to the district signalling officer, and reports by the brigade officers of the work done by their brigades, at the conclusion of the scheme, which will be continued until to-morrow evening. Orders were also issued that messages yesterday and to-day were to be handed in at Maidstone, Horsham, and Portsmouth, and messages were to start from Guildford and be sent to the outlying terminals. The district Signalling Officer established his headquarters at Guildford.

There was a muster of E Co., Queen's Westminster R., yesterday, at headquarters, for a march, with tactical operations en route, which will extend until to-morrow evening. The Co., under the command of Capt. Ridpath, assisted by Lieut. Stopford, marched to Waterloo and entrained to Haslemere, marching thence to Liphook, where quarters had been provided for all ranks. Col.-sergt. Hillman acted as Qrmr.-sergt. of the detachment.

The 1st Essex Artillery entrained yesterday at Plaistow and local stations to Shoeburyness for a week's encampment at the School of Gunnery to carry out gun practice and other work incidental to the artillery arm of the Force. Col. R. Garrett, V.D., was in command, with Lieut.-col. A. Bianchi, V.D., Maj. and Hon. Lieut.-col. G. A. Bacon, V.D., and Capt. and Adjt. T. Lacey, R.A., as his field officers. Three men per company proceeded to the camp on Friday to unload baggage, etc. To-morrow will be devoted to prize competitions, to men who cannot attend camp for the full period will be allowed to take part in these competitions.

Two Cos. of the London Rifle Brigade assembled at London Bridge Station—B and C—and proceeded by train to Tunbridge Wells, where a camp was formed, which will extend until to-morrow evening.

Yesterday the 16th Middlesex (Inns of Court Rifles) went to Shorncliffe Camp for a week's training, and there was a large muster. The first muster was that of the Mounted Infantry (about 90 strong) in the grounds at the Temple, and the company rode off to Charing-cross Station, and entrained to Shorncliffe, being followed a little later by the battalion, the muster also taking place at the Temple. Col. Lofthouse had good reason to be satisfied with the muster and turn out of the regiment, which of late has considerably increased in numbers.

Yesterday the annual competition for the challenge cup presented to the cyclists of the various corps belonging to the Surrey Brigade by Lord Wandsworth (hon. colonel of the 4th V.B. E. Surrey Regt.) took place. The conditions were that teams of eight, including one spare man (who would not shoot unless required) and a section commander rode from Kennington to the rifle ranges at Bisley (a distance of 20 miles (for which two hours were allowed) and on arrival fire 10 section volleys at 600 yards and five volleys prone and five rounds independent, kneeling at 500 yards at targets eight feet by four feet, having four figures painted thereon, hits on any part of the target counting one point each. Every man had to carry his rifle, sling, and bayonet, bandolier or two pouches, haversack, water bottle, tool bag, pump, lamp, cape, and 30 rounds of ball ammunition. The cup (with a medal for each member of the winning team) was won by the team of the 4th V.B. E. West Surrey Regt. with 67 points, the team of the 2nd V.B. E. Surrey Regt. being second with 63, the next in order of merit being the teams of the 1st V.B. W. Surrey Regt. and the 4th V.B. E. Surrey Regt. with 51 each.

On the ranges at Bisley members of the 19th Middlesex Rifles held a regimental shooting club competition, the conditions being seven rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards, N.R.A. targets, marking, and positions, and the leading aggregates were those of Pte. E. Hore 32, Corpl. Shilston 79, Pte. C. Hill 77, Sergt. Wilson 77, Sergt. Healey 74, Sergt.-bugler Simmonds 73, and Corpl. Jaffray 71.

On the Bisley ranges members of the 1st Middlesex Rifles held the fourth championship shoot and the competition for the Clemence Challenge Shield, the conditions being seven rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards, N.R.A. 1901 regulations, and the highest aggregates were those compiled by Pte. Heras 89, Pte. Wright 86, Pte. Drake 85, Pte. McMullen 83, Lieut. Pixley 82, Pte. Collman 81, Pte. Groom 80, and Pte. Bone 80.

At Bisley members of the Queen's Westminster Rifles held a competition under "King's" second stage conditions, viz., 10 rounds at 200, and 10 at 500 yards, under N.R.A. Regulations, 1901, and the highest totals were those compiled by Armr.-sergt. Fulton (Q.M.), 82; Pte. Gill, 82; Lce.-corpl. Dawe, 81, Pte. Bacchus, 81, Pte. Price, 81; Pte. Sheppard, 79, Bugler Halls, 77; Colr.-sergt. Blackmore, 77; and Pte. Regan, 76.

Members of the 4th V.B. E. Surrey Regt. held several prize competitions on the Bisley ranges. In the 5th Series, seven rounds were fired at 200, and seven at 500 yards, and the highest aggregates were those of Pte. Nicholl, 46; Sergt. Bugler Hadnum, 46; Staff-sergt. Mills, 45; Sergt. De Lusy, 45; Lce.-corpl. Cotton, 44; Sergt. Barrell, 44; Staff-sergt. Chipper, 44; Sergt. Bowles, 44; Pte. Cheverall, 43; Sergt. Mortley, 43; Sergt. Hammond, 42; Lce.-sergt. Hooper, 42; Pte. Goodwin, 42; and Sergt. La Roche, 41. In the "Tradesmen's" series of prizes an immense number of members competed, the conditions being those for classifying and the highest totals so far—the competition is not concluded—were those of Sergt. Instructor Stevens, 95; Sergt. Harverson, 91; Sergt. Allard, 88; Sergt.-maj. Nightingale, 86; Staff-sergt. Mills, 85; Pte. Satchell, 82; Sergt. Hammond, 80; Sergt. De Lusy, 80; and Colr.-sergt. Martin, 80.

MATCH BETWEEN REGULARS AND VOLUNTEERS.

At Camberley an interesting match was fired between teams of Gentlemen Cadets at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst and the 16th Middlesex (London Irish) Rifles, the conditions being seven rounds at 200 and seven at 500 yards, by teams of 8 a-side. The result was victory for the London Irish, with a grand aggregate of 429 points, as against 414 compiled by the Cadets, giving the former a majority of 14 points. On the winning side the highest totals were those of Pte. M. Young (65), Col. Sir H. Roberts, Bart. (65), Sergt. Young (60), Sergt. Powers (60), Sergt. Charman (59), Lieut. Healy (59); and on the losing side those of Cadet Rooney (63), Cadet Godsell (59), Cadet Dearing (56), Cadet Chadecott (50), and Cadets Jarvis, Banbury, and Hepburn (46 each).

A boy named Cosgrove, of H.M.S. Nautilus, training brig, was drowned in Plymouth Sound yesterday. As he was returning to the vessel in a pinnace he accidentally fell overboard, and was carried away by the tide. He was a native of Berehaven, co. Cork.

YESTERDAY'S SPORTING.

(Continued from page 16.)

CRICKET.

BATTING AVERAGES.

The qualification for inclusion in this list is eight innings, with an average of 20.

Abel	10	—	488	111	48.80
Hayward	10	—	488	111	48.80
G. W. Beldam	10	—	488	111	48.80
Tyldesley	10	—	488	111	48.80
C. L. Wood	10	—	488	111	48.80
A. C. Jessop	10	—	488	111	48.80
Hale	10	—	488	111	48.80
H. R. Haygarth	10	—	488	111	48.80
A. Fenner	10	—	488	111	48.80
Rt. A. Jephson	10	—	488	111	48.80
Cooper	10	—	488	111	48.80
J. L. Taylor	10	—	488	111	48.80
Stoner	10	—	488	111	48.80
C. J. Burrup	10	—	488	111	48.80
Bracewell	10	—	488	111	48.80
Heaton	10	—	488	111	48.80
Heard	10	—	488	111	48.80
Hearne, J. T.	10	—	488	111	48.80
Hearne, A.	10	—	488	111	48.80
Rt. E. Foster	10	—	488	111	48.80

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

The qualification herein is 20 wickets, with an average of 20.

	Ov.	m.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Mead	126	—	66	276	21	13.14
Hargreaves	126	—	66	276	21	13.14
Hill	126.4	—	66	276	21	13.14
Hearne, J. T.	126.4	—	66	276	21	13.14
Rhodes	126.4	—	66	276	21	13.14
Sharp	126.4	—	66	276	21	13.14
Hearne, A. J. E.	126.4	—	66	276	21	13.14
Trott	56.3	—	25	122	9	13.55

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	Pts.	Mch.
Yorkshire	6	1
Lancashire	4	1
Surrey	4	1
Notts	4	1
Kent	4	1
Somerset	4	1
Warwick	4	1
Gloucester	4	1
Hants	4	1
Leicester	4	1
Somerset	4	1
Surrey	4	1
Worcester	4	1

Middlesex and Kent have not yet started their programmes.

PENGE AND SYDENHAM MATCHES.

Penge, 62; Trover, 44. Ibberton, 77; Penge and Beckenham Co-operatives, 60. Dropthorne, 49; Park Dale, 29. St Mary's, 56; Wiverton, 49. Sydenham Albion, 99; Bell Greenwich Gas Works, 11. Sydenham Baptists, 63; Silverdale, 33. Beckenham Tradesmen, 53 (for nine) declared; Bourne, 53 (for four).

WADHAM LODGE MATCHES.

St. Andrews, 53; St. Stephens, 48. Leytonstone Wesleyans, 113; St. Mildred, 20. Zylonite, 70; Harold, 57. Cornwallis, 94 (for seven); Crown Works, 63. Grasshoppers, 46; Cripplegate, 39. Allcaburys, 110 (for five); Marsh and Sons, 44.

EAST FINCHLEY MATCHES.

Green Lanes, 89; St. Augustines, 47. Kinnaway 90; Laurel, 38. St. Josephs, 119; Victoria, 19. North London, 80 (for six); Amicable, 63. Fairbridge, 97; St. Saviours, 45. Bowes Guild, 54; St. James II., 33. St. James I., 124; St. Lukes, 17. Bells Isle, 117; East Finchley, 66. Christ Church, 90; Holy Trinity, 73.

HIGHGATE WOODS MATCHES.

St. Stephens, 79; All Saints, 66. Liberia, 113; Century, 17. Ashmount, 44; Avondale, 27. Viaduct, 90; Christ Church, 11. Campbell, 48; Camden-road Chapel, 30. Crescent, 71; St. John's Choir, 38.

WIMBLEDON MATCHES.

Pelham, 99; Westminster Trinity, 67. Hope, 63; Orient, 41. Battersea Grove, 118; Fulham 2nd, 14. Woodbine, 89 (for 4). Provender, 29. St. Joseph's, 103 (for 4 dec.); Woolinston, 74. St. Olive's, 69; Rutish, 68. Rutlish 3rd, 44; Spencer College,

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YESTERDAY'S POLICE.

Guildhall.

BETTING IN THE CITY.

Pdk. Fox, 29, giving an address at Matham-rd., E. Dulwich, and Jno. Greenfield, 41, were charged with assembling with others in Gracechurch-st. for the purpose of betting.—Det. Board gave evidence as to keeping observation upon Fox and another bookmaker not in custody, and to seeing them receive some slips of paper from Greenfield, whom they met in Bell-yard. Witness went towards them and the other bookmaker ran away. On Greenfield being arrested he said "I am only going to have a shilling bet." On Fox 29 betting slips, relating to 50 bets ranging from 1s. to 20s., and £2 6s. 8d. was found.—Fox fined £5 and Greenfield discharged.—Albert Pashley, of Stormont-rd., Lavender Hill, was also charged with a similar offence.—Det. Hy. Burge gave evidence as to seeing defendant making bets in Cloth-fair. Over £24 in money and 150 betting slips were found upon him.—Fined £5.—Chas. Flynn, of St. George-place, E., was also fined £5 for betting in Lime-st.-passage.

Bow-street.

GUEST AT THE HOTEL CECIL.

Wm. Rt. Cope, no fixed home or occupation, was charged with obtaining food and lodgings to the value of £1 9s. with intent to defraud.—Percy Scholfield, night clerk at the Hotel Cecil, stated that at one a.m. on the 22nd ult. prisoner, who had a small bag with him, engaged a bed-room. He stayed on the night of the 22nd, but on the following evening he did not put in an appearance, and his bag could not be found. His bill for lodgings and two breakfasts amounted to £1 8s., and had not been paid. On Friday night he went to the hotel, and on being spoken to as to his unpaid bill, absolutely denied having been there before. He suggested that the hotel people might have mistaken him for his brother.—In reply to prisoner, witness said every guest on vacating his room should give his key up to the clerk.—Prisoner pointed out that he had not given up his key, and had therefore not vacated his room. Unfortunately he was unable to pay his bill when he went to the hotel on Friday, as he had been robbed while waiting for the arrival of Sir Alfred Milner. He denied being the man who took the room because he was greatly upset.—From other evidence it appeared that the prisoner signed the hotel book, "W. R. Cope-Thomas," but on being given into custody said his name was plain Thomas. He now admitted owing the money, and said he could pay it if he had an opportunity of seeing a friend, and a solicitor.—Remanded; bail in £10.

Thames.

FIENDISH "FUN."

Richd. Kerry, Dunwood-rd., Stratford, was summoned for cruelty to a dog.—Jno. Cordice, Mile End-rd., stated that defendant was in the employ of his father. The dog was kept chained up in the workshop, and on May 8 witness saw accused go to the turpentine bottle, put some of the contents on his hand, which he rubbed on the hind-quarters of the dog. The latter directly after screamed out, jumped about, and appeared in great pain. Defendant, on seeing the condition of the dog, only laughed, and said, "What a lark it would be to put some down the fowls' throats, and see how they go." Eventually the animal had to be killed.—One month.

A TRADES UNION SECRETARY.

Israel David Caplan, Hedson-buildings, Calvert-avenue, Shoreditch, was summoned for withholding certain monies, books, and papers.—Mr. Barlow, who prosecuted, said on two occasions defendant was summoned by the Registrar of Friendly Societies for failing to make returns under the Act. The result was a conviction against defendant, as secretary of the International Bakers' Union and the Trade Union. The defendant was fined £5 and 2s. costs, while the union was ordered to pay £5 and £1 1s. costs. The following Saturday Caplan attended the meeting of the union and made a report that the union had been fined £6 and himself £1 2s. Authority was given to make a collection from members, and a sum of £3 17s. was then obtained, and a further sum of £1 was given defendant, who, it was alleged, used that money to pay his own fine alone.—Evidence bearing out the above was given, and it was stated Caplan gave up the post of secretary without notice.—Defendant denied acting dishonestly. The union had now admitted backlogs as members, and fights frequently took place, so he had nothing to do but leave the society.—The first two summonses were adjourned for a fortnight, and on the third a fine of 20s. was imposed, with an order to deliver up the books and pay 20s. costs.

Westminster.

AN EARLY MORNING ACQUAINTANCE.

Annie Neville, 36, who said she had no home, was charged with stealing 24s. and a gold ring from the person of Jules Knist, musical instrument maker.—It was understood from prosecutor, who spoke English very imperfectly, that he met the prisoner between two and three o'clock that morning. She had a friend with her, and after some conversation he discovered that a gold ring and some 24s. in cash had been taken from his pocket. He gave prisoner into the custody of the first policeman he met, but the friend had disappeared.—Remanded.

SHE LIKED CIGARS.

Ada Mason, 24, barmaid, was charged with stealing eight cigars from the shop of Messrs. Baker and Co., Wilton-rd.—Late on Friday evening prisoner took eight cigars from a box on the counter. She covered them up with her handkerchief and left, but was followed by the manager and questioned as to how she became possessed of the cigars. The manager had seen her in the shop before, and not being satisfied that her answer that the cigars had been paid for, gave her into custody.—Prisoner said she knew an assistant at the shop, and he had told her she could go in and see him whenever she was passing. He had given her every encouragement, and had occasionally allowed her to take cigars.—Remanded.

Marlborough-street.

CLUB RAID.

Samuel Hornung, 42, club proprietor, Lisle-st., Leicester-sq., Gustav Gostheum, 23, waiter, and Jos. Wolf, 34, were charged with managing or assisting in the management of No. 41, Lisle-st., as a common gaming-house. Thirty-four other persons, most of whom belong to the music-hall profession, were charged with being found on the premises, among them being nine ladies.—Supt. Moore, C Div., deposed that at about 1.30 that morning he entered the premises with the aid of Insp. Drew and other officers, and arrested the accused. In the room on the ground floor were several baize-covered tables, with cards scattered about them, and seven dice boxes were found about the room.—Remanded; bail allowed.

Marylebone.

MIXED UP WITH THE LAW.

Michael Ryan, 38, no occupation, of Montague-st., Russell-sq., was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Drummond-st. the previous afternoon.—In his defence, accused said he had a good deal of trouble the previous day, and unfortunately "this thing happened." He regretted it for many reasons—not for his own personal reasons, but simply because he had offended against the law. — Mr. Plowden: I understand you don't care how often you get drunk so long as the law does not mind.—Accused replied that that was hardly his meaning. "I happen," he added, "to be associated with the law myself, and I regret the occurrence, which arose by reason of domestic trouble."—Mr. Plowden: Your statement that you are associated with the law is rather vague. It may be you are a colonial chief justice or a lawyer's clerk. (Laughter.) Five shillings or one day.

Worship-street.

BARMAID AND CUSTOMER.

Alfred Hood, builder, Ivy-lane, Lower Clapton, and Cambridge-rd., Bethnal Green, appeared to an adjourned summons at the instance of Lucinda Chapman, who alleged that he was the father of her illegitimate child.—Complainant stated that she was the wife of a man named Chapman, but was deserted seven years ago. Since then she had supported herself by working as a barmaid, and had made defendant's acquaintance at a well-known City house which he attended as a customer. For some five years he had been in the habit of taking her about, and frequent intimacy took place. Later on defendant engaged in public house speculation, and having taken in Jan., 1900, the Waddington Arms, at Stratford, she became his manageress there, and the intimacy continued.—Defendant gave a strenuous denial to the assertions of intimacy with the complainant, though admitting that for four years he had been in the habit of taking her about. He also denied having paid any money for her doctor or £6 for her expenses whilst awaiting confinement.—Walter Brown, licensed victualler, of the King John's Head, Mansfield-st., Kingsland-rd., was called to say that in June last when he visited the Waddington Arms and saw the complainant she made an appointment to come away from the business that afternoon, and accompanied him to a house in Pantonville.—The magistrate, after a hearing extending over two days, considered the defence entirely unsatisfactory, and made an order on defendant to pay 5s a week and 10 guineas costs.

West London.

A TRADE MARK QUESTION.

Wm. Sidney Smith and Chas. Hy. Foard, proprietors of the Holcroft Cycle Stores, were summoned for selling and possessing mantles nearly resembling the trade mark registered by the Welsbach Gas Light Co.—A plea of guilty was entered.—Mr. Bodkin, for the prosecution, said the trade mark of the Welsbach Co. consisted of three letters, "A. U. R.," which were stamped on the mantles. The letters on the mantles sold and those found on the premises, which were searched under the authority of a warrant, were "A. J. R.," which the learned counsel pointed out were calculated to deceive the purchasers.—Mr. Rose convicted both defendants, and fined Smith £5 for selling and Foard £14 for selling and possessing; costs amounting to five guineas were allowed, in all £24 5s.

South Western.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

Nellie Harris, 27, step-cleaner, no home, was charged on remand with burglariously entering 29, Eland-rd., Lavender Hill, the house of Chas. Wellard, and stealing 30s. belonging to him—as previously reported. —In August last Mr. Wellard and his wife went to Hastings for a holiday, and during their absence prisoner pretended a friend named Cringer to enter the house and open the front door for her. The boy entered the house by climbing over a fence which shut in the garden at the back, and admitted prisoner by the front door. She represented to him that she had been told to go into the house to do some cleaning. When the Wellards returned they missed the money, and some articles of clothing.—Prisoner, who now received a bad character from her sister, was sentenced to a month.

Lambeth.

TRAMCAR ASSAULT.

John McCarthy, 34, labourer, was charged with assaulting Henry Ferris, tramcar conductor. — Prosecutor stated that on the previous evening he was in charge of a car, along Old Kent-rd. Prisoner was a passenger. Witness went round to collect the fares, and arousing prisoner, who appeared to be asleep, asked him for his fare. Prisoner then asked him how many times he wanted paying. Witness said, "Only once. If you have paid, where is your ticket?" Prisoner was unable to find a ticket, but repeated that he had paid his fare, and proceeded to leave the car. Witness then called a P.C., and prisoner struck him in the mouth.—P.C. 312 L said he was called to prosecutor's assistance. As he neared the car he saw prisoner strike the conductor. — 20s., or 14 days.

Brentford.

HE PAID UP.

Robert Jardine, 48, who described himself as a "gentleman," was charged with being drunk and incapable at Kew Bridge on the preceding night. Defendant, who was very dishevelled, and had a large plaster over his eye, said he knew nothing about it. He had been to a dinner of Buffaloes at a licensed house near Kew Bridge, and his friends had left him. Someone had stolen his watch and pin.—A constable proved finding prisoner lying in the road quite incapable.—Fined 5s. and costs—16s. in all.—Prisoner: 16s.! I haven't done any harm; shan't pay.—He was accordingly marched below, but he soon altered his mind and paid.

North London.

NO ROOM TO LIVE.

Among the applicants to Mr. Fordham was a decent-looking woman, who asked the magistrate to grant further time, so that she could find a room for herself and six children. The Hackney Borough Council had insisted on the house she at present occupied being closed because of its alleged insanitary condition. She had only seven days' notice to quit, and though she had walked herself footsore had been unable to find fresh rooms.—Mr. Fordham: I know it is difficult, very difficult, for poor people with a large family to find suitable dwellings. But I cannot help you. The law says you must obey the order to quit, and I am afraid you will have to go. Are you the householder?—Applicant: No, the householder has gone. I am the lodger.—Mr. Fordham: You are, in fact, a trespasser on the premises. But I dare say if you lay all the facts before the Borough Council they will not turn you out for another week.

Tottenham.

LARK WITH A BICYCLE.

Geo. Turner, 11, was charged with stealing from the rear of The Meadows, Cyprus-rd., Edmonton, a bicycle horse, value 10s., the property of Jno. S. Bond.—Prosecutor said he did not wish to press the charge, as his son had carelessly left the bicycle in the garden with the gate wide open, and so was as much to blame as prisoner, who had played merely a boyish trick in taking it to have a ride on it.—P.C. 611 N said he saw prisoner riding the bicycle in Fore-st., and knowing one had been stolen he arrested him.—Prisoner said he was with some other boys, and they saw the bicycle in the garden, and took it to have a lark with. He was taking it back when the constable stopped him.—Remanded.

YESTERDAY'S INQUESTS.

DEATH IN PRISON.

Mr. Braxton Hicks held an inquest on Frank Hudson, 36, labourer, Lambeth-rd.—Maj. Knox, governor of Wandsworth Prison, said deceased was admitted on May 14, to undergo 14 days in default of paying 27s. 6d. for being drunk and disorderly. It was the second time he had been there this year, having previously had a month.—Insp. Ley, L Division, said he took the charge against Hudson, who had a cut over his eye. Witness knew him well as a bad character, and he had been several times convicted. On the last occasion he said he wished beer was "half a quid" a pint, and then he would not have so much.—Dr. Mander, deputy medical officer, said deceased was in fair health when admitted, but after a week he had to be removed to the hospital, where he died on Tuesday from apoplexy, probably the result of drink.—Verdict in accordance.—It having transpired that deceased had left a wife and six children, the youngest only seven weeks old, the jury handed their fees to the coroner for Mrs. Hudson. The coroner and the doctors made up the amount to £2 5s. 6d.

AN EARLY RISER.

Mr. Troutbeck held an inquest on Emily Cook, 40, cook, in service at Hanaplace, Chelsea, who died from the effects of opium poisoning.—P.C. 190 B said he found deceased on the doorstep of 14, Hana-place, and she told him that she had taken a shilling's worth of laudanum. He asked her why, and she merely replied that she wished to see her friends. He called Dr. Marsh, who gave her an emetic and sent her to the police station. On other mornings witness had seen her cleaning the doorstep at a quarter to four. When he remarked upon the hour, she said she could not sleep and liked the beauty of the morning, adding that it was very pleasant to be out at that time.—P.C. Evans 17 B R, who took deceased to St. George's Hospital, said that he heard her say, "I am waiting and watching for the Lord."—Dr. Connell, St. George's Hospital, said death took place on Wednesday afternoon. If the deceased swallowed two ounces of laudanum she took many fatal doses. A post mortem examination revealed something which was indicative of insanity.—Open verdict.

NEEDLEWORK PAYS.

Mr. Baxter held an inquest on Eliza Smith, 45, needlewoman, Great Pearl-st., Spitalfields.—Caroline Jackson said deceased had lodged with her for about 17 months. She was a very heavy rum drinker, and witness did not think she had ever seen her sober. On Tuesday last she was taken ill with vomiting, and said "she could see things." She refused to have a doctor until Thursday, when she became unconscious, and died suddenly. —Coroner: Where did she get her money for the drink?—Witness: She did needlework.—Coroner: I was not aware that it paid so well.—Dr. Hume deposed that death was due to syncope from vomiting, consequent on chronic alcoholism.—Verdict accordingly.

RUN OVER IN THE STREET.

Dr. Thomas held an inquest on Fdk. G. Kinchen, four, son of a porter in the employ of the G.W.R. Co.—Evidence showed that on Wednesday deceased, while playing in the street, was knocked down and run over by a horse and van. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, and died within half an hour, from the effects of fractured ribs and severe internal injuries.—Verdict, accidental death.

IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

A CAPTAIN AS CO-RESPONDENT.

£500 DAMAGES.

Gaydon v. Gaydon and Finch.—Petition of Mr. Harold Wallace Gaydon, jeweller, Upper Norwood, for a divorce by reason of the adultery of his wife with co-respondent, Capt. Geo. Forbes Carpenter Finch, of the Garrison Artillery, now stationed at Malta, against whom damages were claimed. There were counter allegations against petitioner, which he denied.—Mr. Inderwick, for petitioner, said the marriage took place in 1891, at Bayswater, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Gaydon lived at Upper Norwood. There were three children, all of whom were under six. In August, 1899, respondent went with her children to Ventnor for a holiday, and while there she made the acquaintance of co-respondent. After her return to Upper Norwood petitioner noticed that his wife was very

ANXIOUS TO GET HIM OUT

of the house, and on one occasion he saw co-respondent near the house. A month afterwards petitioner was looking for some cards, and happened to open a box belonging to his wife. He there found a bundle of letters addressed to respondent from co-respondent. He showed the letters to his brother-in-law, and then came to the conclusion that there could be but one result. He charged respondent, and she left the house. One of the letters began, "My own darling love," and it went on, I must risk everything to write you a few lines. I have been feeling more than miserable, and you don't know how I feel at parting. How can I live away from you? I had decided to return by the overland route. I would risk everything for you. I shall never forget you. You are always in my thoughts." There was another letter, counsel continued, written in much the same strain. It commenced, "My dearest love, I wish you were here. I seem to care for nothing about anything else. My thoughts are always of you, and the time seems intolerable without you. Last night

I DREAMT OF YOU

—a happy omen—you seemed sweeter to me than ever. I think so much of you, my love. I am sure you were thinking of me last night. You were so near to me, and we were so happy. I think so much of you, dear heart, sometimes I want to give up everything to be near you again." In another he asked whether she recollected the box they occupied when they saw "Dandy Dick," and the jolly time they had. Another letter referred to the "jolly arm-chair and the shelter" at Ventnor, where they had spent such happy times.—In the course of his evidence petitioner denied the counter allegations.—Witnesses were called to speak of the visits of co-respondent to respondent when petitioner was away.—In the result the jury found for petitioner and assessed damages at £500.—His lordship granted a decree nisi with costs, and custody of the children.—Upon application he directed that the damages should be paid into court in a fortnight.

A DEFECTIVE MEMORY.

Coulter v. Coulter and Beldhem.—Petition of the husband, a watchmaker and jeweller, of Richmond, for a divorce by reason of the alleged adultery of his wife with co-respondent, John Beldhem. —Petitioner, who appeared in person, rose from a seat at the solicitors' table and read out a long statement of his case. It was gathered that he was married to respondent in 1891 at Islington, and there were two children. After the death of the wife of co-respondent, Mr. Beldhem came to reside at petitioner's house. He proceeded to detail suspicious circumstances which had led him to institute this suit.—At the request of his lordship he gave evidence on oath, without the assistance of his notes. After making a few remarks he said he could not remember the evidence he wished to describe without the assistance of his written statement.—His lordship could not allow him to use it. He understood that petitioner must be nervous.—Mr. Coulter said it was not that. He was a teetotaller, and that morning he had had some brandy, and that was the reason he could not remember things. He had not touched anything for years, and just before coming into court he took some brandy because he felt faint, and

HIS MEMORY HAD "CLEAN GONE."

He was afraid he could not prove his case, as he could not find one of the witnesses on whom he relied. He then withdrew his case.—Co-respondent having gone into the witness-box to deny the charge the petition was dismissed.—The wife's petition for judicial separation by reason of the cruelty of her husband was then gone into, and she went into the box and stated that Mr. Coulter had threatened her, and had used abusive and obscene language to her. She called two of three witnesses.—Mr. Coulter denied the charge of cruelty, while giving evidence he stopped short, and said, "Memory again, my lord. It's no use. My memory has gone to-day. I have spoiled myself." (Laughter.)—In the result the jury found that Mr. Coulter had been guilty of cruelty to his wife.—His lordship granted the wife a judicial separation, with costs, and custody of the children.

A PAINFUL CASE.

Boyne v. Boyne, Sommers and Weeks. —Petition by the husband, an engine-room artificer in the R.N., for dissolution of marriage on the ground of his wife's misconduct with the co-respondent Sommers, bookmaker and fish merchant, Devonport, against whom damages were claimed.—The parties, according to the statement of counsel, were married at the registry office, Plymouth, and there had been two children. The misconduct was alleged to have taken place while petitioner was away at sea. He first received information respecting his wife in 1894, but on his return home he forgave her. In 1895 he was appointed to the coastguard ship told off to do duty at Bantry. On his return his son made a communication to him which led to the charge being made against the co-respondents. There were, said counsel,

TWO VERY BAD FEATURES

in the case. The first was that since these proceedings were taken respondent's mind had become unhinged, and the second was that the witnesses to her misconduct were her own two children.—Petitioner and other witnesses gave evidence in conformity with the statement of counsel.—Weeks said he believed respondent to be a widow. —The jury found for petitioner, and assessed the damages at £300 against Sommers, but as petitioner had only claimed £100, and co-respondent had not appeared, the jury, by direction of his lordship, and with the consent of the parties, reduced the amount to £100.—His lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs, and directed the damages to be paid into court within 14 days.

ARISTOCRATIC NULLITY SUIT.

Marchioness of Anglesey v. Marquis of Anglesey.—Mr. Barnard made an application on the part of petitioner, the Marchioness of Anglesey, that the decree nisi that had been granted her on Nov. 7 last year on the ground of nullity might be rescinded and the petition dismissed. He understood there was no opposition.—His lordship said there had been an appearance by the King's Proctor. — Mr. Barnard said that petitioner gave instructions in March to have the application made that the decree might be rescinded. She was then abroad. The King's Proctor entered an appearance on April 30, and upon that being brought to the attention of petitioner's solicitors they communicated with the King's Proctor, pointing out that they had had instructions to make application as long ago as March, and under the circumstances the King's Proctor was willing to withdraw his appearance, and not ask for costs. — His lordship, after examination of the papers, said he should require something more, he thought, before he could act. It was a rather remarkable case, which he himself heard in camera, and he thought any further matters in connection with it should be heard in camera too. He should like to see the representative of the King's Proctor at the same time.—Mr. Barnard asked if he should apply in Chambers, and his lordship replied in the affirmative.

"HIS WIFE THAT WAS."

Roberts v. Roberts and Downs.—Petition by the husband, Alfred C. W. Roberts, for dissolution of marriage on the ground of the alleged misconduct of his wife, Agnes James Roberts, with co-respondent.—Mr. Barnard for petitioner; there was no defence. Petitioner said he was married to respondent in 1891 at Reigate. The marriage was a secret one, they having been engaged ever since 1892. After the marriage he went to his father's house and respondent to the house of her father. In May, 1894, respondent told him she was going on the stage. He objected, and there was a quarrel. The differences between them were made up. Subsequently he asked respondent to come and live with him, but she declined. In 1896 he went to sea as an engineer, and since that time he had been almost all the time away. In 1898 he received a letter from respondent suggesting that he should go to America and obtain a divorce.

HE COULD NOT GET LEAVE

from his ship at that time, and he did not return to this country until March, 1899. After that, in May, he received a letter from respondent saying she was going to stay at the Clarence Hotel, at York. The letter informed him "that she had left him for ever; that it was impossible that she could go on living with one she did not love." It also went on to say that she should never return, as she had burnt her boats. The letter concluded, "Your wife that was, Agnes Roberts." He subsequently made inquiry, and the result was that he filed the present petition.—The father of the petitioner gave evidence as to an interview he had had with co-respondent.—Further evidence was given to show that respondent and co-respondent were living together at West Hartlepool.—Decree nisi with costs.

A LANCASHIRE CUSTOM.

Davenport v. Davenport and Bentley.—Petition of Mr. Frank Davenport, a Lancashire publican. Reason, alleged adultery of respondent with co-respondent, Mr. Henry Bentley, a butcher, against whom damages were claimed.—Mr. Bentley denied the charge.—Mr. Bayford, for petitioner, said that the marriage took place in 1896, at Totlington, Lancashire. Three years later petitioner took the Spread Eagle Inn at Bolton-rd., and one of the customers was co-respondent, who became on very friendly terms with Mrs. Davenport. On one occasion she admitted that she had been to Blackburn with him, and her husband told her to drop the acquaintance. Subsequently petitioner caught his wife and co-respondent together in the parlour. A quarrel then ensued. Respondent got very frightened, and laid her head back when he wanted to strike co-respondent, and the latter took the opportunity of this to hit petitioner in the face a very hard blow, and knocked out one of his teeth. The next day Mrs. Davenport had to leave.—In cross-examination, petitioner said that the last 12 months of his married life were very unhappy, and there had been some very serious disturbances in that period between him and his wife. Once he turned her out into the yard late at night.—Evidence was given as to respondent and co-respondent being seen out together, that they would drink together, that he would

KISS AND CARESS HER,

and that she had stated that she would "rather have Bentley's little finger than her husband's whole body."—Mrs. Margery Walmsley, a neighbour, said that on "Pancake Tuesday," Feb. 27, 1900, she went into the kitchen of the inn, and found respondent and co-respondent together on the sofa. She said, "Get up and serve, and none of your cousins!" (Laughter.) Respondent made a pancake for Bentley after that, and as he did not eat it in a given time she blacked his face. (Laughter.)—Cross-examined: This was a Lancashire custom. Pancakes were made at the various public-houses, and those who wanted them went for the pancakes. —P.C. Abbott deposed to having observed a light in one of the rooms of the Spread Eagle about 3 a.m. on Sept. 18, and he watched the house. He heard

TWO PEOPLE KISSING

Afterwards he saw respondent come to the window and pull the blinds up. She asked him not to say anything. Witness reported the matter as a breach of licensing regulations. Bentley was not prosecuted. —Cross-examined: He did not know that people in Lancashire kissed louder than people in other places—(laughter)—but the kissing on the occasion was loud enough for him to hear.—Co-respondent was called for the defence. He said it was true about the pancake incident on Shrove Tuesday. He went into the kitchen with another man, and failed to eat the pancake in the time. (Laughter.) He denied the charge of adultery.—Mrs. Grace Davenport (respondent) was called as a witness by co-respondent's counsel, and denied the charge of adultery.—In the result the jury found for petitioner, and assessed damages at £300.—Decree nisi, with costs.

SUICIDE OF KING HUMBERT'S ASSASSIN.

BRESCI REPENTS OF HIS CRIME.

Rome, May 23.—The Anarchist Bresci, who assassinated King Humbert, has committed suicide in the Penitentiary of Santo Stefano. Since entering the Penitentiary, prisoner had evinced a great desire to talk, and when ordered to keep silent would reply, "You will see that my last day is not far away and you will repent of having treated me like this." His body presented a horrible appearance. On the wall of his prison Bresci had scratched with his thumbnail, which was covered with blood, the word "Vengeance."—Reuter.

Rome, May 23.—Bresci had recently suffered from fits of great mental excitement. His gaolers had had to dress him by force. During the last two or three days, however, he had been more calm, and had written to his wife, to the Government, and to the King. On Tuesday night he tore up his underclothing into strips and made a rope, with which he strangled himself. He was found dead next morning when the warders visited his cell. In the letters which have been forwarded to their destinations Bresci declared that he repented of his crime, and could not survive his remorse. One letter, it is said, contains revelations of a plot formed in the prison.—Central News.

New York, May 23.—On being informed of Bresci's suicide, his widow said to a Press representative:—"Now that he has gone there is no reason to conceal anything. I can say absolutely that there was never a plot. It is untrue that he was the leader and agent of a band of Anarchists in killing the King. The act was entirely individual and he conceived it himself."—Reuter.

ARABI PASHA PARDONED.

HE WILL RETURN FROM EXILE TO EGYPT.

The Khedive has pardoned Arabi Pasha and Mustapha Fehmy, who will return to Egypt. Arabi has been an exile in Ceylon for almost a score of years. The events in which he was a prime mover are now history. A new régime, the outcome of Arabi's acts, has been established on a durable basis, and has little to fear from conspirators. Arabi aimed at the overthrow of foreign control in Egypt; his struggle converted the condominium of England and France to the single dominion of England. Born in 1852 in Charkieh, he, when quite young, entered the Egyptian army. Dismissed for some trivial fault, he devoted himself to study, and when restored to the army by Ismail Pasha, he passed as a savant with the officers, among whom he established a secret society for the overthrow of the Khedive. The plot ripened, and would possibly have succeeded had not British guns at Alexandria and British bayonets at Tel-el-Kebir put an end to the system which proved only too fertile of plots Egypt will have no more Arabis.

EXTRAORDINARY CONDUCT OF A VICAR.

SCENE IN A SUFFOLK CHURCH.

At Saxmundham Petty Sessions on Thursday the Rev. M. W. Lines, vicar of Yoxford, and his son Frank, were charged with assaulting the churchwarden, Mr. Geo. Nowson, farrier.—Complainant alleged that on Sunday, May 5, at the conclusion of the morning service, he went into the vestry and commenced to count the offertory which had just been taken. The vicar entered the vestry and exclaimed, "I want that." The vicar made a grab at the bags, and a struggle ensued for possession of the money. The vicar's son assisted his father. The vicar then had all the church doors locked, and the complainant did not escape from the edifice till nearly three hours afterwards.—For the defence an unqualified apology was offered, and Mr. Wild (barrister) contended that at the most there was only a technical assault. There had been friction between the vicar and the churchwarden for several years, and the latter had taken every opportunity of showing animus.—The vicar was fined £1 and costs, and the case against the son was dismissed.

CASHIER IN TROUBLE.

DEFALCATIONS ESTIMATED AT £10,000.

Chas. Noble, 50, cashier and accountant, was charged on a warrant with falsifying the books of his employer, Mr. F. A. Currey, solicitor, of Great George-st., Westminster, and with stealing sums amounting to over £10,000.—Mr. Dutton, who prosecuted, said prisoner had been in the service of prosecutor's firm for over 30 years, for the last 10 as chief cashier. In that position, by falsifying the books, he had embezzled and stolen considerably over £10,000. At this stage it was proposed only to take

EVIDENCE OF ARREST.

—Det.-sergt. Womack said that he received custody of prisoner, who was detained by the police at Notting Hill. Prisoner only asked the date of the warrant and what he was charged with. Witness told him that the date was May 16—the day he absconded—and that he was charged with falsifying the ledger. On prisoner were deposited notes for £2,000 and £87 in gold.—Noble, who said nothing, was remanded in custody.

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THE WAR.

ARMOURED TRAIN DERAILED.

AN OFFICER KILLED.

From Lord Kitchener to the War Office:—

Pretoria, May 18.—An armoured train was derailed by mine south of America Siding. I regret to say that Maj. Heath, 3rd Batn. South Lancashire Regt., was killed.

[America Siding, mentioned in Lord Kitchener's despatch, is on the main line a few miles north of Kroonstad.]

MAJOR E. K. HEATH.

Maj. Ed. Kermonde Heath, 3rd South Lancashire Regt., who is reported killed by the derailing of the armoured train, was made a lieutenant in 1882, obtained his captaincy in 1887, and was appointed to the Reserve of Officers in 1888. He was an honorary major of the 3rd South Lancashire Regt. Deceased officer had passed the School of Instruction, and was qualified for appointment as Instructor of Musketry.

ANOTHER LAAGER SURPRISED.

HEAVY LOSS OF THE ENEMY.

Bloemfontein, May 23.—It is reported that the Highland L.I. have surprised a Boer laager in the Brandfort district. They routed the enemy, who lost 12 killed, 13 wounded, and 12 captured.—Reuter.

BOERS DRIVEN OFF.

Middelburg, May 22.—Col. Crabbe yesterday engaged Lotter and Lategan's commandos on the western edge of the Zuurberg. The Boers were driven off, demoralised. They admit having had nine men wounded.—Reuter.

TRANSVAAL OPERATIONS.

THE CAPTURE OF COMMANDANT SWARTZ.

A CLEVER AMBUSH.

Standerton, May 24.—The capture of Commandant Swartz near Robertson's Farm was one of the smartest incidents of the campaign in the Eastern Transvaal. While Col. Stewart's column was moving eastward to rejoin Gen. Sir Bindon Blood, it had to fight a continuous rearguard action with Christian Botha's commando, upon which the British guns were employed every day. When Robertson's Farm was occupied, Col. Stewart sent a squadron of Johannesburg Mounted Rifles, under Lieut. Baker, to occupy an adjoining hill. As his force approached the top of the hill, Lieut. Baker saw parties of Boers riding up the other side for the purpose of sniping the British camp.

SURPRISED AND CAPTURED.

The British officer made a hasty but clever disposition of his men, with the result that three parties of Boers were completely surprised and captured in succession. Each party of the enemy was totally unaware of the presence of the British, and when summoned surrendered without a shot being fired.

TRIPPED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Commandant Swarts and his nephew were among the prisoners. Swarts confessed that although he had been fighting for 19 months continuously, he had never been trapped before. The other prisoners were very dejected. They declare that Swarts will be a great loss to the commandos, as he was the best and ablest general left in the field. Gen. Blood has recommenced clearing the country of families, stock, and supplies. He has six columns co-operating under his command.—Central News.

FIGHTING REPORTED NEAR BARBERTON.

It would appear from accounts sent by the Lorenzo Marques correspondent of "The Daily Mail" that the districts along the Delagoa line have been much disturbed during the past week, and considerable fighting has taken place. A big fight, says the correspondent, occurred last Thursday outside Barberton. It is reported that there were 61 British casualties, but the

BOERS SUFFERED HEAVILY,

and were defeated. Continual fighting has also taken place in the Ermelo and Carolina districts. The railway line is being destroyed, and trains fired upon. The Boers wrecked a mixed train between Alkmaar and Elandshoek a few days ago, the driver and stoker and a number of invalid soldiers being killed.

ONE OF FIVE.

Pte. Dunkling, No. 1913, 4th Suffolk Regt., who died of enteric fever at Wonderfontein on April 27, belonged to the soldier family which has given five sons to the Army of whom two are still at the front. Mr. and Mrs. Dunkling received the sad news of the death of their son with sympathy and regret from Lord Roberts.

FORCES IN S. AFRICA.

A Parliamentary paper shows the strength of the Imperial forces in S. Africa on May 1 to have been 249,416 officers and men, made up as follows:—Regulars, 138,002; Colonials, 56,821; Imperial Yeomanry, 23,104; Volunteers, 9,385; and Militia, 20,104. The total number of officers is returned at 8,468, and non-commissioned officers and men 133,819. Those in the latter category are divided as follows: Cavalry, 14,000; Artillery, 11,500; Infantry and Mounted Infantry, 95,700; and others, 13,619.

PRETORIUS DEAD.

Johannesburg, May 22.—Ex-President Pretorius died at Potchefstroom on May 19, after two days' illness, at the age of 83. His remains were followed to the grave by over 1,000 townspeople and refugees. When Prince Alexander of Teck was at Potchefstroom ex-President Pretorius called upon the Prince, and promised that he would work for peace. He had not sympathy with the late administration of the Transvaal. Marthinus Wessels Pretorius was the son of Commandant-gen. Andries Pretorius, and his life is almost identified with the early history of the South African Republic. It was in 1853 that the Transvaal territory first took the name of the South African Republic and in July, 1855, Pretorius, then commandant-gen., was elected first President. The village of Pretoria was also laid out about the same time and called after him.

THE COST OF THE WARS.

A Parliamentary paper was issued this week giving a return of the estimated costs of the wars in South Africa and China, showing how the expenditure is to be met. The return was ordered to be printed on May 2. The supply grants for South Africa in 1899-1900 amounted to £23,000,000, in 1900-1 to £63,737,000, and the estimate for 1901-2 is £56,070,000, making a total on this account of £142,807,000. For China the supply grants in 1900-1 came to £3,500,000, and, with a sum of £2,160,000, the estimate for 1901-2, the total under that head is £5,660,000. To this total and that for South Africa have to be added £4,850,000 charges on consolidated fund in respect of interest, etc., on war debt, including the estimate for 1901-2 of £3,250,000, and this makes a sum total of £153,317,000. The amount provided, or to be provided out of revenue, is put at £45,271,000, and that provided, or to be provided, by loan is £108,046,000.

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

DEATHS FROM DISEASE & WOUNDS.

The following deaths, due to enteric where not otherwise stated, are reported:—

Steinacker's Horse: 7381 Pte Francis Paton, fever and explosion, Nomahoshoek, April 28. 14th Hussars: 4383 Pte H Churchill, Pretoria, May 19. 41st Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 8351 Pte R Bowman, Standerton, May 16. Imperial Bearer Co.: Bearer Robert Wilson, dysentery, Standerton, May 18. 4th Royal Lancaster Regt.: 7218 Pte Frank Carroll, 7073 Pte T Heywood, peritonitis, Naauwpoort, Cape Colony, May 18. 2nd Volunteer Co. East Kent Regt.: 7444 Pte F Leonard, Wilsburg, May 17. 4th Royal Warwick Regt.: 7475 Pte H Jones, Pinetown Bridge, May 18. Prince of Wales's L.I.: 23798 Pte George Morris, Kroonstad, May 17. 2nd South Wales Borderers: 2561 Pte J Gr..ms, congestion of lungs, Boschrand, May 17. 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers: 3886 Pte J Cullen, wounds, Isgoge, May 17. 5th West Australian Bushmen: 115 Corpl William Bolfinger, wounds, near Carolina, May 18. 11th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 22351 Pte H F Waddington, wounds, Kimberley, May 16.

9th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 26191 Pte E Thomas, dysentery, Wynberg, May 17. 1st Division Telegraph Batn. R.E.: 6217 Sapper T J McGuinness, rheumatic fever, Warringham, May 17. 1st South Lancashire Regt.: 3388 Pte E Ward, epilepsy, Vryheid, May 16; 1109 Sergt G P..will, Vryheid, May 18. 1st Worcester Regt.: 819 Pte G Ward, tubercle of lung, Ladysmith, May 17. 2nd Norfolk Regt.: 5105 Pte R Gamble, Rustenburg, May 16. S.A. Constabulary (Canadian Contingent): 61 Constable A J Barrett, De Aar, May 13; 82219 Constable John Henry Cameron, dysentery, near Bloemfontein, May 14. 38th Co. A.S.C.: 16903 Pte E Taylor, dysentery, De Aar, May 16. Vol. Co. 2nd Scots Rifles: 7073 Pte H Burton, dysentery, Standerton, May 17. 70th Battery R.F.A.: 22803 Corpl J Whitehouse, Vereeniging, May 16. Dorsetl's Scouts: Pte Charles Yeo Allen, Heilbron, May 17; 26304 Pte James Washer, heart disease, Bloemfontein, May 17. 2nd Royal Irish Rifles: 4011 Pte D Clarke, Pretoria, May 17. 69th Battery R.F.A.: 64029 Gar G Millis, dysentery, Petrusburg, May 17. Vol. Co. Highland L.I.: 8334 Pte J Walker, dysentery, Springfontein, May 17. 3rd Railway Pioneer Regt.: 3264 Pte John Clancy, Johannesburg, May 17. 2nd Hants Regt.: 5109 Corpl E White, wounds, Bloemfontein, May 16. Post Office Corps: 639 Pte F J Wood, pleurisy, Cape Town, May 18. Attached Steam Road Transport: Civilian Phillip Oliver, valvular disease of heart, Cape Town, May 15. 18th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 21634 Pte Albert Leslie, Kroonstad, May 19. S.A. Constabulary: A79 Pte E J Grady, Potchefstroom, May 18. 2nd Grenadier Guards: 6178 Pte W Storkey, Harrismith, May 18; 3240 Pte Williams, Ficksburg, May 17; 6746 Pte A Hubbard, Harrismith, May 19. 2nd East Kent Regt.: 5317 Pte W Nichols, Pretoria, May 18. 38th Co. A.S.C.: 9052 Pte J Perry, Pretoria, May 19. 1531 Pte C M'Carthy, Naauwpoort, Cape Colony, May 19. 1st Royal Scots: 3695 Pte C Allen, Pretoria, May 19. 2nd Duke of Cornwall's L.I.: 5625 Pte J Ames, Pretoria, May 19. 4th Royal Lancaster Regt.: Lieut L A Walton, Naauwpoort, Cape Colony, May 18. 4th Batn. Imperial Yeomanry: 24471 Pte H Coates, Standerton, May 17. 2nd Royal West Kent Regt.: 5250 Pte W Daley, Winburg, May 19. 3rd Dragoon Guards: (3063 ?) Pte A Bull, Heilbron, May 19. M.I. Co. Royal Lancaster Regt.: 8516 Pte W E Stone, Middelburg, Transvaal, May 18. 10th Co. Western Division R.G.A.: 8598 Corpl Thomas Workman, Newcastle, May 19. 6th West Australian Bushmen: 339 Pte H Blanck, wounds, near Wonderfontein, May 18. 2nd Gloucester Regt: 5517 Pte J Harder, St. Helena, May 20.

Not previously reported.—Volunteer Co Royal Welsh Fusiliers: 7253 Pte J Lewis, at sea, April 21. 1st Duke of Cornwall's L.I.: 4383 Pte Wm Byrne, ague, in Ceylon, May 3; 774 Pte Wm Dance, phthisis, in Ceylon, May 5. Imperial Yeomanry: 26268 Pte Arthur Innes, pneumonia, on board Tagus, March 16.

1st Welsh Regiment: 5477 Pte G Taylor, malarious fever, Alkmaar, May 18. 6th Middlesex Regt: 3835 Pte J Fanning, dysentery, Wynberg, May 20. 4th Co Imperial Yeomanry: Pte R G Williams, Harrismith, May 20. 2nd Co Imperial Yeomanry (attached Veterinary Department): 8 Corporal N Jones, Harrismith, May 18. 4th Co Imperial Yeomanry: Pte H H Morley, Harrismith, May 19. R.A.M.C.: 9967 Pte A W Sweet, pneumonia, Norvals Pont, May 19. 1st Yorkshire Regt: 6244 Pte S Pye, tubercle of lung, Kroonstad, May 19. 19th Co Imperial Yeomanry: 21887 Pte H G Bromley, Kroonstad, May 19. 3rd Dragoon Guards: 2776 Bandsman Wm Dann, Kroonstad, May 20. 66th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 22010 Sgt Wm. Shaw, Springfontein, May 19. R.H.A. details: 1503 Gnr H Jenkins, pneumonia, Pretoria, May 19. M.I 1st Gordon Highlanders: 3264 Pte A Barnes, inflammation of brain, Pretoria, May 19. 1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers: 3358 Pte W Palley, dysentery and hepatic abscess, Pretoria, May 20. 2nd Gordon Highlanders: 3069 Pte P Marshall, syncope, Pretoria, May 20. 4th South Stafford Regt.: 4564 Pte W Philbrook, Winburg, May 20. 2nd Leinster Regt.: 8832 Pte William Maher, Allival North, May 19. Cape Garrison Artillery: 1st Class Gunner Hermanus, Simons Town, Oct. 22, 1900. Victorian Bushmen: 152 Sgt Percy C Seymour, Naauwpoort, Cape Colony, May 20. Army Ordnance Corps: 1349 Staff Sgt J P Meestrance, Port Elizabeth, May 20; 2918 Pte J C Close, Middelburg, Transvaal, May 19. West Australian M.I.: 184 Pte Parnell Herbert MacGregor, pneumonia, Middelburg, Transvaal, May 20. M.I. Northumberland Fusiliers: 6163 L.-cpl B Outram, Middelburg, Transvaal, May 20. 1st Liverpool Regt.: 2727 Pte W Jobson, synocpe, Middelburg, Transvaal, May 20. 13th Hussars: 4993 Pte O Hersey, Standerton, May 20. 23rd Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 2148 Pte Herbert Aldridge, Heilbron, May 20.

The following deaths have not been previously reported:—

2nd Canadian M.R.: 186 Pte R Lill, enteric, Pretoria, July 31, 1900. Vol. Co. Shropshire L.I.: Pte A Connor, enteric, at sea, on board Formosa, April 17. Vol. Co. Royal Welsh Fusiliers: Pte J Lewis, enteric, at sea, on board Formosa, April 21. Vol. Co. Somerset L.I.: Pte H Hallett, enteric, at sea, on board Templemore, April 22. 1st King's Own Scottish Borderers: 4534 Sergt F Watson, enteric, Middelburg, Feb. 12. 1st South Lancashire Regt.: 5872 Pte W Forber, enteric, Springfontein, Feb. 24. 1st North Lancashire Regt.: 4714 Pte M Caine, enteric, Mafeking, Feb. 16.

Lieut.-col Cedric Maxwell, Royal Engineers, died of concussion of brain, result of falling from horse, May 13, near Zastron. He rode to Rouxville at midday on May 20, and died the same day.

1st Oxford L.I.: 2202 Pte William Walker, Kroonstad, May 20. S.A. Constabulary: 2056 Constable Caleb Brown, dysentery, Bloemfontein, May 21. 2nd North Lancashire Regt. M.I.: 5347 Pte R Hayes, Bloemfontein, May 21. R.A.M.C.: 1532a Pte J Hawthorn, fracture of skull, Bloemfontein, May 21. Royal Irish Regt.: 6384 Pte S Mulcahey, Bloemfontein, May 21. New South Wales M.I.: 622 Pte J L Rowe, Bloemfontein, May 20. 2nd Rodford Regt.: 5348 Pte S Arthurs, Bloemfontein, May 20. R.E.: 4081 Sapper J Readle, Bloemfontein, May 20. Remount Depot: Civil Conductor George Laud, Burgherspoort, May 19. 22nd Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 1436 Pte Ernest Hodgson, Thaba N'chu, May 21. Cape M.R.: 2884 Pte James Wilson, dysentery, Springfontein, May 20. Kimberley L.H.: 30568 Pte George Bramhall, Port Elizabeth, May 21. Steinacker's Horse: 7534 Pte Christopher J. Hill, fever and sapsoure, Nomahoshi, Swaziland, April 28. Prince Alfred's Cape Artillery: 336 Gar Harry Leard, Kimberley, date not stated. 4th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 20329 Pte W T Dean, Harrismith, May 18. Volunteer Composite Regt. (late Natal Carbineers): Pte G de S Sneyd, haematemesis, Utrecht, March 31. Railway Pioneer Regt.: 1739 Pte H Rees, Johannesburg, May 18. French's Scouts: 30816 Pte James Gaitskell, Johannesburg, May 20. 2nd Shropshire L.I.: 2021 Pte G Evans, Middelburg, May 21. 38th Battery R.F.A.: 20805 Gnr W Holborn, Normals Pont, May 21; hyphritis. Highland L.I.: 8309 Pte J Dunn, Bright's disease, Deelfontein, May 20. R.A.M.C.: 19152 Sergt G Young, abscess, base of skull, Deelfontein, May 20. 38th Co. A.S.C.: 13800 Pte A Paynton, wounds, Pretoria, May 8.

Court of Inquiry states that the following, reported missing, were killed in action or died of wounds:—

2nd Royal Lancaster Regt.: 3841 Pte J Orchard, Spion Kop, Jan. 23, 1900; 3161 Pte W Kelsal, Onderbrock Spruit, Feb. 23, 1900.

2839 Pte Archibald Weekley, 5th New Zealand Rangbridere, reported missing, March 27, was killed by Boers whilst attempting to escape.

OTHER CASUALTIES.

The following have occurred as the result of premature explosion of shell, Balmoral, May 18:—

13th Co. 8 Division R.G.A.: 8319 Corpl J Tattion and 28717 Gnr W Deele, killed; 74918 Sergt J Stead, died; Acting-bombr A Pears, 61798 Gnr W Bregdale, 28915 Gnr J Flaherty, 91929 Gnr L F Dodd, 65469 Gnr G Goddard, 82836 Gnr J Wach, wounded, degree unknown; 92049 Gnr W Wisbey, 73068 Gnr H G Hunt, and 21753 Gnr J Gwenden, slightly wounded.

Other casualties have occurred as follows: 2nd South Lancashire Regt.: Maj. E K Heath, killed by explosion on railway, near America Siding, May 17. S.A. Constabulary: Constable John Wilson, accidentally killed, Elandsfontein, May 14. 1st Worcester Regt: 2210 Pte J Riley and 2324 Pte W Jackson, severely wounded, near Ficksburg, May 19. 5th Scottish Horse: 2774 Pte Wm Kilgannon, severely wounded, Rietvlei, May 17. S.A. Constabulary: 876 Constable Henry Everitt, wounded, doing well, Hautdoorn Spruit, May 17. 5 Pte G Seymour, 6th Queensland Bushmen, was seriously injured at sea on board Victorian; admitted to hospital, Cape Town.

The following shows the nature of wounds of officers reported wounded at Uitkomst, May 16:—

1st Royal Scots: Capt Moir, severely wounded, right forearm and right thigh; 2nd-lieut Dalmahoy, severely wounded, scalp and right thigh. Both left Uitkomst for Schadodorp, May 17; condition then favourable.

The following casualties occurred at Grobelaarsrivier, May 15:—5th West Australian M.I.: Lieut A A Forrest and 111 Sergt Fredk Ejards, killed; 113 Corpl W R Boling, dangerously wounded; 3197 Lance-corpl R Hamilton, severely; Pte F St John, 168 Pte Charles Bissett, and 223 Pte W J Stevens, severely wounded; 201 Corpl R Furlong, missing. 6th West Australian M.I.: 335 Pte B Rosser, 241 Pte Frank Page, 285 Pte F J Adams and 443 Pte John Temple, killed; 339 Pte H Blanck, dangerously wounded; Lieut A B Black, severely wounded; 13230 Corpl Lawson, accidentally wounded, Balmoral, May 18. 30th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 24817 Pte Alfred Stanley Evans, and 20261 Pte Horatio John Lewis, missing, Elandsberg, May 18. 6th Dragoon Guards: 3054 Pte J Walsh, killed, Zaawater, May 15. 1st Gordon Highlanders M.I.: 7113 Pte T Ritchie, slightly wounded; 6750 Pte A Logan, severely wounded; 6382 Pte R Reid, slightly injured, fell from horse, Bonefel, near Carolina, May 17. S.A. Constabulary: E1223 Constable Alic Weaver, dangerously wounded, Paraburg, May 20. R.F.A.: 2810 Gnr B Jones, severely wounded; 32115 Gnr W Adams, slightly wounded; Kopjes, May 20. Royal Fusiliers: 5706 Pte O Martyn, killed, Kopjes, May 20.

CORRECTIONS.

4151 Corpl W E Taylor, 7th Dragoon Guards, reported missing Karreefontein, is now reported killed, April 21, that place.

2901 Pte A C Thomas, Cape Police, was reported killed between Vaal River and Hoopstad, Oct. 23, 1900, in error. He is at present serving with detachment of Cape Police with Col Scobell's column.

Lieut F E Botton, Lieut F A Howard, and 121 men returning home on board steamship Avondale Castle should have been shown as belonging to Vol. Co. East Lancashire Regt., not Vol. Co. Worcester Regt., as previously reported. Lieut Whitcombe and 81 men Vol. Co. Worcester Regt. are also on passage home in Avondale Castle.

Court of Inquiry states that 5613 Pte O Harding, 2nd Northampton Regt., reported missing, Dec. 29, is a deserter.

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SIR ALFRED MILNER.

VISIT TO THE KING.

ELEVATION TO THE PEERAGE.

The Saxon, with Sir Alfred Milner on board, got into Southampton Water between 10 and 11 a.m. on Friday. She was brought to off Netley while the

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port medical officer made his usual inspection. Arrangements for the reception of the High Commissioner by Southampton were of a quiet nature, flags were displayed on the principal buildings throughout the town, but the bunting was confined to the shed on the Ocean Quay, at which Sir Alfred—and Sir Alfred alone—was to land. Many of the inhabitants of the Hampshire port were on holiday, owing to the coincidence of Victoria Day.

LORD SALISBURY AND MR. CHAMBERLAIN GREET HIS EXCELLENCY.

Sir Alfred Milner brought his long journey home to a happy conclusion at No. 9 platform of Waterloo Station, and found there a welcome right worthy of the occasion. A portion of the platform had been railed off, and around the barriers a large crowd of privileged friends assembled some time before the train from Southampton was due. The small space inside was reserved for the members of the Government, who were present almost to a man to greet the Chief Commissioner. Lord Salisbury and the Cabinet party arrived just in the nick of time. The Premier was followed into the reserved space by Mr. Chamberlain, and in close attendance were Mr. Arthur Balfour, Lord Halsbury, Mr. Wyndham and Lord Roberts. The party had just time to group themselves when the train steamed in.

"HOW ARE YOU?"

For a moment there was some doubt in which compartment Sir Alfred was. "Here we are," said Lord Salisbury, and as he said so the tall form of the hero of the occasion, smiling and sunburnt, stepped out. Hat in hand he shook hands with each of the Ministers, and then, after momentary hesitation, addressed the Premier. "Oh yes, I am feeling much better," he said. Mr. Chamberlain then stepped forward and whispered with Sir Alfred for several minutes. Mr. Brodrick now arrived. He was late, but for him his colleague from afar had

THE WARMEST GREETING

of all. The two men talked while they continued to wring one another's hands. At length the party moved off to brougham, which were in waiting outside. Their progress was marked by cheer after cheer. "Bravo, Milner!" cried a man from the top of an engine, making his words ring out above the uproar. A crowd of several thousand were waiting outside the station, who cheered each carriage full of distinguished people as it drove off to Marlborough House.

VISIT TO THE KING.

Dense crowds of people waited for the coming of Sir Alfred Milner about the Mall and neighbourhood of Marlborough House. When the ceremony of trooping the colour on the Horse Guards Parade terminated at noon, the people evinced a disposition to make a day's picnic. From noon until 2.45 p.m., when the High Commissioner entered the gates of Marlborough House in Lord Salisbury's carriage, the crowds increased. Owing to an unexpected change of route, those who had taken up coigns of vantage along the Mall were disappointed. Sir Alfred Milner, Lord Salisbury, and Mr. Chamberlain drove rapidly along the Mall in an open carriage from the eastward, the High Commissioner occupying

THE SEAT OF HONOUR

on Lord Salisbury's right. A rush was made by disappointed sightseers, but so quickly did the distinguished arrivals drive that thousands of eager welcomers missed their opportunity of demonstrating their goodwill. Sir Alfred's reception was enthusiastic, and everywhere the man in the street freely gave vent to the signal popularity which the man of the hour enjoys. At the entrance to the house itself Sir Alfred was met by the high officials of the household, and by them conducted to the King's presence, with the Premier and Mr. Chamberlain.

PEERAGE FOR SIR ALFRED.

The King has been pleased to confer the dignity of a Peerage of the United Kingdom upon Sir Alfred Milner, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.

It is probable that Sir A. Milner will adopt the title of Lord Milner, and that he will take his seat in the House of Lords soon after the re-assembling of that body next month. The intimation of the King's intention to confer the above honour was made to the High Commissioner at the interview which took place at Marlborough House on Friday.

LORD MILNER OF CAPE TOWN.

It is authoritatively stated that Sir Alfred Milner will take the title of Lord Milner of Cape Town.

SIR ALFRED ENTERTAINED.

Sir A. Milner was yesterday entertained at luncheon at Claridge's Hotel. He drove up at half-past one in a cab and entered almost unnoticed. Among the many distinguished guests invited by Mr. Chamberlain to meet the High Commissioner were the Duke of Camdendelcon Cecil, Lord and Lady Gwendolin Cecil, Lord and Lady Roberts, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Lord G. and Lady Hamilton, Lord Halsbury, Mr. and Lady Brodrick, Mr. A. Balfour, the Lord Mayor of London, Col. Sir F. Lugard, Mr. Hanbury, Lord and Lady Selborne, Mr. G. Balfour, Earl Grey, Lord Onslow, Sir H. and Lady Fowler, Mr. A. Douglas, Mr. G. Wyndham and the Countess Grosvenor, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Long, and Sir W. Peace, Agent-general for Natal. The proceedings were private.

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NARROW ESCAPE OF THE KING.

DISASTER TO SHAMROCK II.

EXCITING INCIDENT.

A serious accident occurred in the Solent on Wednesday afternoon to Shamrock II. while the King was on board the new challenger as Sir T. Lipton's guest. His Majesty, who was attended by Maj.-gen. Sir S. Clarke, went to Southampton to witness a trial between the Shamrock II. and Sir T. Lipton's defeated yacht, Shamrock I. The yachts were to be accompanied by the Sybarita for purposes of comparison. The other guests on board included the Marchioness of Londonderry, Mr. W. Jameson, and Mr. Watson, the designer of the vessel. At the last moment the sailing directions were altered, and it was decided to send the boats once over the new Queen's Course, that is, from Cowes, round the Warner Lightship, East Lepe buoy, and back. The starting line was from the steam yacht Erin to the West Bramble buoy and back, and to that line both the Shamrocks were headed. The weather was beautifully fine, and the breeze was drawing from the south of east to the northward as the yachts manœuvred along the edge of the Brambles.

THE RACES INCREASE

as the yachts awaited the starting signal, and at half-past one there was a suspicion of a sea in both the eastern and the western channels. At two o'clock the "prepare signal" was sent aloft on the Erin. Sybarita was still some distance to leeward of the line, but the cutters were both well to windward and manœuvring hard for position. With only a minute to go the new boat, better placed, was swung round, and when she filled on the starboard tack the accident happened. First her bowsprit rigging went, and then the spar itself snapped off short. The topmast followed, and a second or two later the steel mainmast went by the board, buckled in two places. In a way this was a blessing, for the big boom was coming aboard, and if the accident had happened 10 seconds later it would have crushed not only the owner of the Shamrock, but his Majesty as well.

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was on the faces of all who saw the collapse. Yet more was to follow. Shamrock I., in an effort to reach the crippled sister yacht, carried away her peak halyards, and the steel gaff falling brought down the topsail-yard with half the canvas fluttering from it. Both yachts were helpless, and Capt. Bavis, on the Sybarita, had to be mindful of his own ship. Boats were launched from all the vessels in the vicinity, and tugboats hurried to the scene. Fear of a disaster that would have shocked the world was general. But the King, Sir T. Lipton, and the guests on board were completely at itself when the correspondent passed the disabled yacht a little later. The hands were then busy putting the wreckage away and Capt. Sycamore communicated the welcome intelligence that no one had been injured. With the assistance of some rivetters from Cowes the steel mast was cut adrift and sank, and in the end all that was saved of spar, gear, or canvas were the staysail and the boom. In

AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION

with one who was on board the challenger at the time of the accident, a correspondent was informed that his Majesty was sitting at the top of the companion, which was his favourite place on the Britannia, and with him were the Marchioness of Londonderry and Sir T. Lipton. The weakness which caused the disaster was in the bowsprit rigging. The bobstay plate and the whisker fastening gave way, and then, in much the same way as a house of cards collapses, went the bowsprit, topmast, and mainmast, the latter breaking in two places, and hanging over to leeward. The big spar held the yacht to the ground until it was cut away by some rivetters from Cowes. The King, who showed excellent nerve, afterwards went on board the steam yacht Erin. After the accident the King steamed round

THE WRECKED VESSEL

and carefully inspected the broken bobstay plate. Some narrow escapes are reported. One of the topmast backstays struck Sir Thomas on the face, and the weather runner block and tackle fell on the deck between Lady Londonderry and Mrs. Jameson. The King dined on board the yacht Erin in Southampton Water, arriving at Southampton Pier shortly after 10 p.m. in the launch of the Erin. He was accompanied to the train by Sir T. Lipton, and had a cordial reception from the crowd who had assembled, and who sang the National Anthem. Replying to an inquiry as to whether H.M. was unhurt, the King's Equerry telegraphed late at night:—"Mercifully no one hurt on board Shamrock.—Stanley Clarke." His Majesty's visit to the challenger was a private engagement of long standing. The King has for years taken a keen interest in yachting, and the performances of his famous cutter Britannia are still fresh in the memories of his people. When Shamrock I. challenged for the America Cup one of her sincerest well-wishers was H.M., as was proved by the fact that he fitted out and raced the Britannia when there was no other yacht that could be tried against the green boat. With Shamrock II. his sympathies have been equally manifest, but it was a condition to his sailing on board her that the visit should be an entirely informal one.

AMERICAN SYMPATHY.

New York, May 23.—The accident to Shamrock II. is everywhere regretted here. The news caused great excitement beyond yachting circles, and the bulletins outside the newspaper offices were eagerly scanned by great crowds. At the New York Yacht Club the disaster is attributed to a defect in the relations between lightness and strength in the vessel. Strength has not been duly apportioned to sail-carrying capacity.

ONE MONTH'S GRACE GRANTED.

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"UP A TREE."

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SEA.

A message in a bottle was picked up at Granton on Thursday, which stated that the Croft and all hands were going down in Mid-Atlantic. The Croft, which traded between Leith and New York, left Leith in October, 1896, and was never again heard of. She carried a crew of 30, most of whom came from Newcastle and Leith.

The King has approved the promotion of Mr. John Lowndes Gorst, now Second Secretary, to be Secretary of Legation in H.M. Diplomatic Service.

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London Bridge	7 44	9 30	—	10 25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cannon-street	7 50	9 35	—	10 30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ludgate Hill	7 53	9 38	—	10 33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blackfriars	7 56	9 41	—	10 36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Elephant & Castle	8 0	9 45	—	10 40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kent Crossing	8 5	9 50	—	10 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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3 Cheaper Trains at London Bridge. Additional Trains will also be run as found necessary.

FARES.

	From LONDON. Single	From LONDON. Return	From CROYDON. Single	From CROYDON. Return
SPECIAL TRAINS (Tattenham Corner Station) On Wednesday and Friday, June 5th and 7th, and Saturday, June 8th, available to return by any train the same day.	4/6	4/6	4/6	4/6
On Wednesday and Friday, June 5th and 7th, RETURN TICKETS, available to return by any train the same day.	3/6	3/6	3/6	3/6
On Wednesday and Friday, June 5th and 7th, available to return on the day of issue only.	2/6	2/6	2/6	2/6
On Wednesday and Friday, June 5th and 7th, available to return on the day of issue only, after 4 p.m. same day; also on Saturday, June 8th, available to return on the same day.	2/6	2/6	2/6	2/6

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

In London 2,602 births and 1,378 deaths were registered last week.

The births were 63 above, and the deaths 203 below the average.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes fell last week to 15.8.

The 1,375 deaths included 33 from measles, 14 from scarlet fever, 14 from diphtheria, and 48 from whooping-cough.

Different forms of violence caused 72 deaths, concerning all but 2 of which inquests were held.

Of these 72 deaths, 13 were cases of suicide, and 1 of homicide, while the remaining 58 were attributed to accident or negligence.

Eleven of these were referred to vehicles in the streets, six to drowning, and 11 (including 10 infants under one year of age) to suffocation in bed.

In Greater London 3,735 births and 1,835 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 29.9 and 14.5 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 16.8 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,463,187 persons in the middle of this year.

There are 13,635 Metropolitan Police and 1,002 City Police.

The price of paper has fallen from £30 to £20 a ton in the last 25 years.

London imports 4,000,000 parasols and umbrellas a year.

France has the most expensive Parliament. It costs £300,000 a year.

37,828,210 English people live in towns, against 11,076,315 in the country.

The fastest boat plying between England and India makes only 14½ knots on the whole passage.

England and Wales have 14,708 miles of railway; Scotland, 3,391 miles; and Ireland has 3,178 open.

12,000 million copies of newspapers, the world's total output, consume 1,780 million pounds of paper.

Jamaica is rather more than half as big as Wales and has a population about equal to that of Liverpool.

British land is valued at 1,691 millions; whilst house property is put a good deal higher, at 1,927 millions.

Fifty Italian towns have over 30,000 people apiece. Naples, a little smaller than Birmingham, is the largest.

There are 283,821 women employed in English cotton factories; only 147,245 men.

Two hundred and ten tons of honey, worth £12,000, are the yearly produce of Ireland.

The total savings of the British nation are 322 millions sterling—just about half the amount of the National Debt.

334,000 vessels of a combined tonnage of 56 millions of tons enter British ports in the course of a year, and 298,000 clear.

All British newspapers combined had a circulation of 60,000 in 1801. Their present circulation is estimated at 8½ millions a day.

France eats bread to the value of 77 millions a year. Great Britain contents herself with 48 millions. Russia's wheat bill is 97 millions.

Ceylon pays £90,500 a year towards British military expenditure; Mauritius, £20,500; Hong Kong, £44,000; Malta, £5,000; Natal, £4,000.

The average wholesale price per cwt. of butter and tea is almost the same, and has been so since 1881. It runs from 101s. to 118s. the cwt.

Islington is the most thickly-populated parish in England, having 112 persons to the acre. Bolton comes next.

The largest needle manufactory in the world is Redditch, Worcestershire. Over 70,000,000 needles are made there weekly.

At a London inquest the other day a woman stated that she got a living by sewing steels into corsets at 3½d. a gross! She could do two gross a day.

The Admiralty consists of the First Lord of the Admiralty and five other members. The Board of Admiralty have managed the Navy for over two centuries.

A barrel of ale in England is 36 gallons; a barrel of American apples contains 150lbs.; there are 200lb. in a barrel of flour; and a barrel of Norwegian fish holds 1,000 fish.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the S.P.C.K., held in London, the Archbishop of Canterbury pointed out that the organisation circulated the Scriptures in 104 languages.

Russia produces 240 million pounds of wool a year, the record for Europe; England comes next, with 160 millions; then France, with 126 millions. Austria produces 420 millions, and the United States 320 millions.

The Municipal Council of Paris has hit upon a capital idea for encouraging citizens to beautify the city. They give an annual prize to the architect and the builder of the most beautiful building erected during the year, and allow the owner to deduct 50 per cent. when he pays his taxes.

Some of the costly things in the Sultan's treasure-house at Constantinople are children's cradles of pure gold, inlaid with precious stones; divans covered with cloth of gold, embroidered with pearls; suits of mail, thickly incrusted with big emeralds and diamonds, and other relics of former Ottoman splendour.

There is a very pretty practice which the Fishmongers' Company have at their court dinners. The ladies being absent from the feast, each guest on his departure is offered the acceptance of a handsome casket of choice sweets to take home to his wife and family. The outside box serves for a work-box, and is for years a pleasant memento of the occasion.

Dr. Leopold Rieger, a fashionable Viennese dentist, sued his assistant for £130, for luncheons and dinners eaten while he was the fiance of the doctor's daughter! As the engagement has been broken off, Dr. Rieger maintained that the food was obtained under false pretences. The case has been decided against Dr. Rieger, who also has to pay the costs, amounting to £120.

The death of a Cheshire verger, Mr. Jno. Tomlinson, one of the oldest residents of Winsford, was unexpected by all save the old man himself. Mr. Tomlinson actually visited his friends, bade them good-bye, and attended the church on Sunday, stating that he should never go again before they carried him there. On the morning of his death he walked downstairs, shook hands with the members of his family, and said farewell, then again mounted the stairs and died within a few minutes on the landing.

English railways cost on an average £43,700 a mile.

Of 3,767 ships calling at Malta last year, 3,325 were British.

About 1,500,000 season tickets are held by travellers on English railways.

Five thousand two hundred and nineteen people in the British Isles own estates of over 500 acres.

Nine hundred and sixty thousand emigrants leave Europe yearly; 200,000 return from abroad.

France has 4½ million acres of vineyards; Italy 7½ millions; Spain, four millions.

Holland has 10,100 windmills, each of which drains on an average 310 acres of land.

The average weight of a cubic foot of salt water is 64lb.; of a cubic foot of fresh, 62½lb.

Switzerland holds the European hospital record, with six beds per 1,000 of her population.

A tailor makes but 15s. a week in Germany; he earns 25s. in England, and 58s. in New York.

An oak just felled on the Hall Farm, Tivetshall, Norfolk, measured seven feet through the base

The value of wine grown in Europe is 183 millions sterling; of the product of all the rest of the world, nine millions only.

One hundred and eighty-six million pounds of British savings are invested in savings banks, of which the Post Office takes care of £130,500,000.

The share of each person in these islands of British trade is £11 19s. 2d. of imports, and £3 2s. of exports per year.

In 1879 only four British boroughs paid over a shilling in the pound in education rates. To-day more than 40 do so.

Germany takes nearly 36 millions a year of British exports—more than any other European nation. France takes 22½ millions.

The Falkland Islands have hardly any trees, and are entirely devoted to sheep. Their total area is a little less than that of Wales.

The total loss to creditors due to bankrupts in England and Wales was under 4½ millions last year, against over 13 millions in 1879.

America now has three cities of over a million inhabitants. New York has 3,437,000; Chicago, 1,698,000; and Philadelphia, 1,293,000.

The speed of the Deutschland, the fastest liner in the world, is 23.36 knots an hour, that of her nearest English competitor, the Locania, 21.81 knots.

The Carlsbad season has commenced, and promises to be highly successful. On May 16 1,000 visitors arrived, nearly half of whom came from Berlin by express trains.

Four thousand seven hundred and ninety-three million yards of cotton goods are exported from the United Kingdom in the course of a year; but only 209 million yards of wool and 165 million of linen.

Among the changes in the royal establishment are the pensioning of the clerk of the kitchen at Windsor Castle (Mr. Lawley), the electrician (Mr. Fellowes), and the housekeeper and gardener at Buckingham Palace.

Ten thousand members of the Army Temperance Association are on active service, it was stated at the annual meeting of the association, over which Gen. Sir F. W. Forestier-Walker presided, at the United Service Institution.

The formal opening and dedication of the Pan-American Exposition took place at Buffalo this week. A prominent feature of the function was the release of 10,000 homing pigeons, destined for all parts of the country, carrying the news of the dedication.

In Westminster County Court application to adjourn a judgment summons was made, the debt being for a hair-dressing account.—His Honour: Ladies who go to a shop in Bond-st. to be made beautiful must pay for it. —The summons was adjourned.

The Canadian newspapers express a growing sentiment in that Colony for a separate tariff union between the Colonies, not necessarily to include Great Britain; thereby forcing upon the attention of the Mother-country the mutual advantage to the Empire generally of closer trade relations.

A serious famine has broken out in the district of Kuttenberg, in Bohemia. The inhabitants are reduced to eating horses, dogs, and other unsavoury animals. The appearance of hunger typhus has rendered the situation still more terrible. The Government is taking steps to relieve the distress.

A well-known Maltese gentleman, who is in the habit of leaving his walking-stick in charge of his retriever, recently forgot the dog during a walk abroad. He returned to the spot after some 19 hours next morning and found the faithful retriever still guarding the stick, and none the worse for his long vigil.

The English s.s. Crown Point, of the Norfolk and North American Line, encountered the Hamburg barque Planet on May 14 totally disabled owing to the sickness of the whole of the crew. The captain of the Crown Point put two officers on board, who brought the Planet safely into harbour.

The latest parrot story possesses distinct elements of novelty. It was told in Liverpool Police Court, when Arthur Thomas, aged 17, was charged with breaking and entering Macsymon's Stores, by way of the chimney, with intent to commit a felony. His excuse was he had descended the chimney in search of a parrot!

In the recent Austrian census the Emperor Francis Joseph filled in the form in his own hand, and answered every point with great care, including the number of windows which his residence contains, and mentioning the fact that he can both read and write. It is noteworthy that no electric light, gas, or lamps are used in the imperial palace but only candles.

Mrs. Neve, of St. Peter Port, Guernsey, who was born in the year in which Louis XVI. of France was guillotined, and Napoleon Bonaparte left Corsica, completed her 109th year last week. She was born in the house in which she now lives. Mrs. Hanbury, who lives with her son, Mr. Hanbury, at Richmond, is one year younger than Mrs. Neve.

A judge in a padded room is the sort of sight that would make a criminal's heart rejoice. According to "The Globe," a distinguished occupant of the Bench has just had such a place fitted up for himself, to restrain, however, not his own violence, but that of his golf-ball, for there he practices driving, and finds that the ball falls dead. The question that is much asked in legal circles at the moment is: If he misses the ball, what sentence does he pronounce?

It is suggested that a public clock should be placed in a central position in Shieldfield.

The Canadian Parliament has voted an increase in the sessional indemnity to Senators and members from 1,000 to 1,500 dols.

It is stated that out of more than 374,000 cases of cruelty dealt with by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children at least 50 per cent. were directly due to the influence of intoxicating drink.

A Windsor correspondent says that Queen Victoria left a million and a half of money in her will to be divided equally between Princess Christian, Princess Louise, Princess Henry of Battenberg, and the Duke of Connaught. Their Royal Highnesses, however, are only to receive the interest, the principal going to the late Sovereign's grandchildren. Her Majesty's personal belongings were also willed to her daughters named above.

UPHOLDING THE EMPIRE.

Mr. H. J. Pettifer (of the Primrose League), speaking on the war in the Saffron Walden Division this week, said:—"Some of us have to fight, and some of us have to pay. My son is out at the front with Gen. Hood's force. He is holding his end up out there, I am holding mine up here. He is at the fighting end, I am at the paying end. If our soldiers in Africa are ready and willing to do their share in upholding the Empire, we at home ought to be ready and willing to do our share."

WHY NOT REVIVE IT.

Amongst pastimes once common in English country districts at Whitsuntide was the Whistling Match. The man who won the prize really earned it. It was a keen contest, in which as many as cared to do so might take part. The reward went to the man who not only whistled most clearly, but also went through the air from beginning to end without the smallest hitch, whilst a "comic clown" stood in front of him and tried to put him off his tune by doing all manner of funny tricks.

VANISHING LONDON.

It is stated that the proprietary rights in New Inn, Wych-street, will be purchased for £175,000, the site of the Inn being required for carrying out the L.C.C.'s improvements on the north side of the Strand. Since the destruction of Strand Inn by the Protector Somerset, this Inn is the only law seminary that has remained in the possession of the Middle Temple Society. Some 500 years ago the site of New Inn was that of a travellers' hostelry known as Our Lady's Inn from its sign of the Virgin Mary.

MEMORIAL TO A CRICKETER.

Almost every north-country cricketer of note assembled at St. Mark's Church, Low Moor, to honour the memory of the late Mr. F. W. Milligan. The memorial tablet to the famous Yorkshire batsman and fast bowler was appropriately unveiled by his old captain, Lord Hawke, and in a subsequent address the vicar of his parish eulogised the deceased cricketer as a typical exponent of Christian manliness. It will be remembered that Mr. Milligan was killed in one of Col. Plumer's unsuccessful attempts to relieve Mafeking.

"AND A GOOD JUDGE TOO."

Everybody will be glad to hear that the rumour of Sir John Rigby's retirement from the Bench is premature, for it would be appreciably poorer by the loss of one who, besides being a great lawyer, is famous for his strong commonsense, a quality which is not more common in the Appeal than in any other court. Sir John sat in the House for less than 10 years, but no man was ever more popular within its walls. As an orator he did not shine, but his genius for taking the House into his confidence without any reserve covered more deficiencies than his enemies, if he has any, could suggest that he possesses.

EXPENSIVE ROYAL YACHT.

The expenditure on the new Royal yacht, says the Committee of Public Accounts, whose report was issued this week, has exceeded the estimate of £216,648 during the past year by £37,222. As this excess was said to be due mainly to inexperience in building ships of this kind, the committee are of opinion that work of this character should not in future be undertaken in his Majesty's dockyards. In the Navy appropriation account the principal feature was the very large under-expenditure on contract work, amounting to £1,483,720, or about 23 per cent. of the estimate. This was due to postponement in the placing of orders and to the delay of contractors owing to the difficulty of obtaining men and materials.

NEW PARK AT WILLESDEN

OPENED YESTERDAY BY LORD ABERDEEN.

Lord Aberdeen, who was accompanied by Lady Aberdeen, opened the Dollis Park, Willesden, yesterday, in the presence of a large gathering. The park, together with Dollis Hill House, has been purchased for £50,000, towards which the Middlesex C.C. contributed £12,500, the L.C.C. £3,000, the Hampstead Vestry £1,000, and the Hendon District Council £500. In addition to the cost, nearly £7,000 has been spent on various improvements. Lord Aberdeen, in declaring the park open, said that that was a great beneficient and patriotic movement—providing an open space for the people. No more fitting memorial to Mr. Gladstone could have been devised. There was, however, nothing approaching a political hue in regard to the memorial. Well-known Conservatives had been most active in promoting the movement, and their enlightened public spirit and good sense were worthy of especial esteem.—Votes of thanks were accorded to Lord and Lady Aberdeen for their presence, and to the various local bodies for contributing to the cost of the scheme.

THE CONFESSION OF MURDER.

COMMITTAL FOR TRIAL.

At Stratford, yesterday, Emily Barnett, Burgess-rd., East Ham, was charged, on remand, with murdering her husband, J. Barnett, under circumstances reported on another page. Further evidence was given, and accused, in answer to the charge, remarked that she had nothing to say, but asked to see Mr. Adams, her husband's brother-in-law, and to have the money at the police station, which belonged to her. Both requests were granted.—Prisoner, who did not appear to be much concerned as to the gravity of her position, was committed for trial.

MINERS ENTOMBED

TERRIBLE COLLIERY DISASTER IN WALES.

HEARTRENDING SCENES

GALLANT ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE.

A terrible colliery disaster involving, it is feared, the loss of upwards of 70 lives, occurred on Friday morning at the Universal Steam Coal Colliery, Senchenydd, which is about four miles east of Caerphilly and seven miles from Cardiff. The colliery belongs to a limited liability company, of which Sir A. T. Lewis and Sir T. Morel are directors, Mr. W. J. Rees being managing director. It is a steam coal colliery, and has only been in operation about five years. About half-past four o'clock on Friday morning the night shift, comprising several hundred men, began to ascend, and shortly after five o'clock all had come up with the exception of 73 men, who formed a "half shift" working overtime. Five day firemen had gone down the pit, making the total number of men in the pit when the disaster occurred 78. About 10 minutes past five

A DEAFENING EXPLOSION

occurred, and the report was distinctly heard some miles away over the mountains. The shedding of the shaft on the pithead and the iron structure of it were blown to pieces, and the upcast and downcast were seriously damaged. The colliery manager, Mr. Ed. Shaw, was promptly informed that an explosion had occurred, and he and two workmen

ATTEMPTED TO DESCEND

the shaft, but failed to reach the bottom. An hour and a half later Mr. Jones, manager of the Albion Colliery, Mr. S. Gregory, Llanbradock, Mr. Llewellyn, under manager, and Mr. T. H. Morgan, of the Universal Co., succeeded in reaching the bottom. They proceeded a distance of about 20 yards, and found that fearful havoc had been caused by the explosion, and that the place was a complete wreck. After-damp compelled a retreat. In the meantime hundreds of workmen had gathered around the top of the pit, and further

RESCUE PARTIES

were organised. About 11 o'clock a party of mining engineers descended the shaft, and appear to have reached the 9it. bending. A little while afterwards the crowd assembled on the bank anxiously awaiting tidings from below were cheered by indications of the return of the rescue party. It was seen that some men were being carried upon ambulances, and it transpired that the party who had so gallantly gone to the rescue of their friends had met with grave obstruction in the nature of a fall about 30 yards in length. They made a strenuous effort to get over it, and in so doing were

CAUGHT BY THE AFTER-DAMP

and were unable to proceed further; in fact, three of them, viz., Elijah Tanner, Arthur Emery, and Joe Townsend, sustained serious injuries, and it was these men who were being conveyed on the ambulances previously referred to. This party found one man dead, viz., the ostler, Warren. As indicating the

FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION

it may be stated that on the west side the place was badly damaged and full of after-damp, while the stable had been blown away and the horses killed. The news of the disaster quickly spread throughout the district, and crowds assembled round the pit's mouth. Women and children wept bitterly, and the scenes witnessed were of a most heartrending character. Men working on the pit top at the time of the explosion had narrow escapes. Dan Skym, a master hawler, informed an interviewer that he and a fireman, named Morgan were in the last cage. Immediately it reached the surface he walked forward, Morgan remaining behind. In a few seconds, before he had walked 10 yards, the whole of the pit staging was blown sky high, and the noise was deafening. His "butty" was

BURIED IN THE RUINS.

Some time was occupied in clearing away the debris, and when Morgan was got out it was found that both his legs were broken. Daniel Lewis, a repairing engineer was the last to come up from the pit before the explosion. He and other men were going from the shaft to the lamp-room, and on their way they heard loud reports, and saw stones and pieces of timber flying about. To save themselves from being struck they ran past the lamp-room upon which some of the debris fell. Three distinct reports, he said, were heard, and the men were greatly terrified. The first body was brought up about one o'clock. It was that of Warren, the ostler.

A PATHETIC

scene was witnessed when workmen appeared carrying two ambulances. One of the men carried was named Townshend, who had belonged to the rescue party overcome by after-damp, and another was Harris, a hauler, who was in the pit when the accident happened. He was alive, but had been dreadfully burnt, the skin peeling off his face and hands. He had been discovered about 120 yards beyond the fall. He was lying among the debris, and his horse was lying near him. The task of clearing the falls proceeded at first very slowly, owing to the damage which the cage and its gear had sustained. Later on a "bond" was substituted for the cage, and thus greater progress was made. Mr. D. Lewis, Inspector of Mines, who came up about 2 o'clock, said that the rescue parties had not been able to penetrate to any great distance on the west side, and that on the east side they had been hindered by a fall at least 120 yards in length.

THE UNIVERSAL COLLIERY CO.

has a capital of £127,000, and the mine has only been in full work about 18 months, employing some 700 men, and raising between 600 and 700 tons per day. The "taking," which is one of nearly 3,000 acres, lies between the Albion property in the Taff Vale, and the Llanbradach property in the Aber Valley, being approached by a branch railway from Caerphilly. The company, it is stated, are insured against any claims that may arise under the Compensation Act. Although, owing to the mountain barrier, Senghenydd, is in a quite different district from Cilfynydd, the seams worked from the Universal pits are directly adjacent to those of the Albion Co., wherein the terrible explosion of June 25, 1894, entailing the loss of 251 lives, took place. Mr. Robson and the Assistant Inspector of Mines have been busily engaged examining the workings. The task of clearing the debris is proceeding vigorously, but the falls being so heavy very extensive and heavy rescue work will be continued throughout the night. Before descending the shaft Mr. Robson sent a long message to the Home Secretary.

(Later particulars will be found elsewhere.)

ELECTION INTELLIGENCE.

OSWESTRY.—RESULT.

Polling to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Stanley Leighton (U.), took place on Friday. The result was declared yesterday as follows:—

Hon. G. Ormsby-Gore (U.) 4,518
Mr. Allan Bright (R.) 3,430

Unionist majority 1,088
No change.—1900:—No contest.

"NO PRO-BOERS."

The result of the poll was enthusiastically received in Oswestry. Speaking from the Wynnstay Hotel the Hon. George Gore, amid cries of "Right man in the right place," thanked his supporters from the bottom of his heart. The electors had sent Mr. Bright back to Liverpool a sadder and a wiser man. Mr. Bright, speaking at the Radical Club, attributed his defeat to landlordism and to shortness of time. There were 42 spoilt votes.

THE NEW MEMBER.

The Hon. G. Ormsby-Gore is eldest surviving son of the present Baron Harlech, and heir to the barony, the first-born having died in infancy. He is 47. Gazetted to the 16th Foot (now the Bedfordshire Regt.) in June, 1874, he was transferred as a lieutenant to the Coldstream Guards on August 28, 1875, from which he retired in 1883. He did not, however, cease his connection with the military, and since that year he has held a commission in the Shropshire Yeomanry Cavalry, in which he has held the substantive rank of major since April, 1897. He resides at The Lodge, Malpas, Cheshire, and with the Cheshire, Shropshire, and Sir Watkin Wynn's hounds is a familiar figure.

THE Hon. ORMSBY-GORE (U.).

PENDING ELECTION.

Essex (Saffron Walden).—Mr. C. W. Gray (U.) and Mr. J. A. Pease (R.) have been nominated to fill vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. A. Wodehouse (R.). Polling, Friday. 1900: Wodehouse (R.), 3,247; Gray (U.), 3,137. R. maj., 110.

ROYAL BIRTHDAYS.

Yesterday was the birthday of Princess Christian, who was born the day after her mother's birthday, in 1846. She was named Helena, it is said, partly to remind the English people that the Empress Helena, the mother of Constantine, was a British princess, a daughter of Cool, king of what is now Colchester. If that is so, the fact has a peculiar interest, for it was the ancient namesake of the Princess Christian through whom Rome was brought under the influence of Christianity. Princess Christian could hardly have had a more appropriate name. No member of the Royal family has taken a deeper and more active interest in religious concerns. She is the only Royal lady—in England at any rate, who has ever been a district visitor; she had at one time charge of 21 houses on the riverside in the parish of Trinity Church, Windsor. She has frequently spent her Boxing night among the boys of a certain district in the East End.

THE DUCHESS OF CORNWALL.

To-day is the birthday of the Duchess of Cornwall and York, to whom her multitude of friends and many unknown admirers wish most heartily many happy returns of the day. A private telegram from Brisbane spoke of the immense enthusiasm with which H.R.H. and the Duke were received on the way to and from the site of the new Cathedral, and at the meeting of the Horticultural Society. The Duchess is said to have been particularly struck at the £92 contributed for the new Cathedral by those camping out in the Queensland contingents in S. Africa.

OFF FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

BY RAILWAY, RIVER, AND SEA.

All the railway companies catered liberally for the many thousands of Londoners who, yesterday, were on holidays bent. The superb weather caused an almost unprecedented number of people to quit the noise, the smoke, and turmoil of town for more sequestered nooks. Early in the morning Paddington, Euston, St. Pancras, and others of the London great railway termini, presented scenes of great animation, a large number of well-laden excursion trains being despatched from each depot to places of interest in the North, the Midlands, and the Western counties. At Liverpool-st. there was a record crowd of holiday seekers, and the G.E.R. catered well in the way of cheap fares. For the first time this year the New Palace Steamer Co., the G.S.N. Co., and the Belle Steamer Co. despatched their steamers down the river and its estuary to Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate. Each vessel had its full complement of passengers, while the river boats to Greenwich and the up-river direction towards Kew and Hampton Court were crowded throughout the day, the whole service being exceptionally well timed, and the fares extremely reasonable.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

To-morrow (Bank Holiday) the General Post Office, the district and branch offices, and those from which telegrams are delivered will be open for general business, but Money Order and Savings Bank business will be entirely suspended. The early morning collections, and collections for the general night mails, and the Scotch and Irish day mails will be made. The general night mails, and all the foreign mails will be despatched, but there will be no other intermediate or supplementary despatches. Express letters and parcels will be attended to as usual, and express letters for the night mails may be posted in any letter-box.

"IN THE SWIM."

BY A CITY SHARK.

Saturday Afternoon.

MONEY.

There is not any very large supply of money in the open market, chiefly because of the repayments which have during the past few days been made to the Bank, and also because of the small influx of gold from abroad. It does not seem likely that we shall have any heavy incoming shipments in the near future, and consequently in view of the requirements at the end of the half year, and also the coming settlement which will be a heavy one, we may expect rates to harden generally. The prevalent opinion is that for the week they will rule as high as 5½ per cent. There is practically nothing doing in discounts. The Bank return shows an increase in the reserve of almost a quarter of a million, and the ratio of reserve to liabilities has increased from 43⅝ to 48¼ per cent.

HOME RAILS.

Depression caused by the threatened strike of the London and North Western employees has been the feature of this section during the week, and up to the time of going to press there seems little likelihood of it being averted. It is stated that should the Midland help the North Western then the Union would order a strike there as well, in which case we may expect lower prices to prevail in both stocks. The traffic returns on the Great Eastern are not quite as good as might be expected, in view of the Continental tourist traffic, but at present prices I think these stocks are worth picking up. Scotch stocks are somewhat weak, but the Exhibition should give them a fillup before very long. Probably Caledonian and British Deferred at present prices are the best in this particular lot. Advantage might well be taken of the present dulness to pick up a few Great Westerns, which are almost certain to increase in value. In view of certain developments in connection with the South Eastern I think Dover A's are a good speculative purchase at present prices.

FOREIGN STOCKS.

There is no occasion for alarm because there is a slight weakness in Brazilian securities. The cause is a temporary decline which has taken place in the Exchange, and, not only need no notice be taken of it, but Brazilians, and especially Western of Minas Railway bonds, are well worth picking up during the dull season. The Brazilian Government is purchasing the various railways, and before the Minas is secured it will have to offer very favourable terms. A purchase of these bonds at present prices will be found to be a desirable one. There is a good deal doing in Argentines, and the 5 per cents. and the Waterworks may be said to be most in favour. Spanish throughout the week have been very dull, and it would seem that they have not yet touched bed-rock prices. From Berlin a demand has sprung up for the Russian Loan, but London is taking very little interest in it.

AMERICAN RAILS.

This market is in a very nervous and unsatisfactory condition owing to the Northern Pacific trouble, and prices move wildly about so much that it is positively unwise for anyone who is, so to speak, not on the spot to touch any shares. The suspension of the buying-in order is likely to be removed at the next account, when undoubtedly considerable trouble will ensue. It is said that the new issue of 100,000 dols. which the Union Pacific is about to make is to be devoted to receiving those involved in the crash, but this is hardly likely. In any case, neither Union nor Northern Pacifics should be touched for the present. Good buying has been going on in Eries, and as it comes from inside sources it may well be followed. It is stated in New York that the dividend on Erie Firsts will be 3 per cent. The best shares to purchase in this market either for speculation or investment are United States Steel Trust. The preference shares, which are 7 per cent., stand at 95¾ after being up to 102, and the ordinary, which have already earned sufficient to pay 6 per cent., are standing at 45¾, so that it will be seen there is room for a big rise in both.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Continued inactivity prevails in the majority of shares in this section. There has been a spurt in Johnston's Foreign Patents, which are now standing at 6, and in view of some very important contracts entered into a further rise may be looked for. London Super-Aerations are also in excellent demand. A contract has been entered into to supply a large number of the principal West-End hotels, and upon the strength of this they should go higher. Lipton's report, just issued, is not very pleasant reading for holders of shares, and does not justify the present price of them. Pease and Partners are considerably stronger, and at the present price of 17 are decidedly cheap. It is improbable that either Baku or Russian Petroleum shares will move until the amalgamation question is settled. There is not much doing in Brewery shares for the moment, but Allsopps are weak.

MINES.

The whole market is upset by the tactics pursued by the British-American Corporation in connection with the Kootenay and Rossland settlement—tactics, to put it mildly, which are unfair, unjust, and unsportsmanlike. Shares which have been purchased from the Corporation have to be paid for, but the company refuses to pay for the shares it bought. The matter should be at once brought into the Law Courts. Already widespread disaster has been caused, and this will cause it to spread still further. None of the operators in the West African market are, however, involved. In the Kaffir section dulness supreme prevails, and there has been considerable selling both of Johnnies and Barneys for no apparent reason. Peace cannot be much longer delayed and we look up a few East Rands, Goldfields, and Randfontein would be advisable. Rhodesians are all easy and are likely to continue so. British Columbians will be dull till the wreckage mentioned above is cleared. There has been a good deal of fluctuation in the Westralian market, but there has been very good buying both in North White Feathers and Paringas.

WEST AFRICANS.

There has not been so much activity in this section, but there is a sound under-current, and there is a good deal of public buying. The weak bulls are now practically all weeded out, and everything points to increased activity after the holidays. West African Hinterlands have been quiet. At present prices they are a very desirable purchase in view of the new company which is coming out. Parties are no longer quoted, as they are swallowed up by a new concern, which is to make its appearance after the holidays. London Wags are a very strong feature, and in view of the profits earned should go very much higher. Williams' are also in good demand, and may be expected. Among cheap priced shares that may be mentioned as good for rises are Jappas, Yanas, Union Jacks, and Empires. Premiers have fallen back somewhat, but in view of the fact that the company will shortly declare a substantial dividend we may expect to see a very sharp rise after the holidays. Africa Corporation are in better demand, and it is likely that there will be a spurt in British South-West Africans. Tarkwa Mansus have been steady throughout the week, and some good business has been reported. Gold Coast Estates are growing in favour with provincial investors, and the Continent has also been a buyer. Kumassis continue exceptionally firm, and there are many in the market who are confidently tipping these for a much higher price.

STOCK MARKET.

CITY, Saturday.

The Stock Exchange remained closed.

FINANCIAL ANSWERS.

ROVER.—Hold all your railways. The Brazilian Government is buying them up. See "City Shark."

DIAMOND.—The company is a very poor one indeed, and the directors have, for some time past, been quarrelling amongst themselves.

BIRNHAM.—The broker is probably instructed to delay sending the papers. I have a poor opinion of Pioneer.

ALBERT.—Hold.

DOUGLAS.—Hold.

SOLDIER.—Hold. They will recover. All brewery shares are dull.

A. R.—You do not give your name.

TOM CARTER.—Yes, any of the financial papers will give you full lists.

OCEAN.—Writing you.

NORTH BUCKS.—I have not much faith, but probably you had better hold for the present.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Yes.

TOBE.—1. Hold. 2. No. 3. Pease and Partners. 4. No, neither.

CONSTANT READER.—Hold; you will see a good rise soon.

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RESTAURANT ROW.

DOCTOR'S WIFE AND DAUGHTER IN THE WITNESS-BOX.

EX.-M.P. FINED.

The case in which Dr. J. G. Fitzgerald, ex-M.P. for Longford, residing at Wilton-st., Grosvenor-place, was summoned for disorderly conduct and assaulting Mr. Smith-Hay, a merchant, was finally dealt with at Marylebone Police Court this week. The case arose out of a meeting between the two men and Mrs. and Miss Fitzgerald at a restaurant in Baker-st.—Miss Kathleen Fitzgerald denied that there was any truth in the suggestion that Mr. Smith-Hay had detained witness and her mother as prisoners, or that he had induced them to take brandy with a view to drugging them.

CALLED HIM "FORAGE."

—Cross-examined, witness said her mother was the possessor of a considerable fortune. She had ridden about with Mr. Hay, but did not know that her father objected. At the hotel she passed as Miss Frost. She never called Mr. Smith-Hay "Horace," but "Forage," because his name was Hay. By the Magistrate: She and her mother had tried to keep out of the way of her father, but Mr. Smith-Hay had not assisted them to do so any more than other friends.—Mr. Lewis said his firm was consulted by Mrs. Fitzgerald in regard to the petition for a judicial separation in April. It was by witness's advice that the lady left her husband and assumed another name.

TOGETHER ON THE GROUND.

—A summons against Mr. Smith-Hay for assaulting Dr. Fitzgerald was next heard. The latter went into the witness-box and admitted that he did assault Mr. Hay "to protect his wife and the honour of her name" from a man whom he had called in a public room a robber and a blackmailer. After witness had struck Hay with his riding crop, the latter closed with him, and they both fell to the ground. Witness got up, but Hay was afraid to do so, and kept calling out for a doctor.

MUCH CHAMPAGNE CONSUMED.

—Herbert Marshall, waiter, stated that the conduct of the two ladies while they were at the Mandeville Hotel was exemplary. Mr. Smith-Hay also stayed there, and represented himself as the brother. He was there almost daily, sometimes until the early hours in the morning, and "ever so much" champagne was drunk.—Mrs. Fitzgerald denied that Mr. Smith-Hay had ever held her in duress at the Mandeville Hotel.—Counsel: Do you think it is a proper thing for a lady of your position and a mother of a family to be associated in the way you and your daughter have been with Mr. Hay?—It may have been indiscreet.—Counsel: Will you undertake to cease that in the future? No; certainly not.—Mr. Plowden decided that Dr. Fitzgerald had committed a completely

UNJUSTIFIABLE ASSAULT

upon Mr. Smith-Hay, who did no more than was required in self-defence. He therefore fined Dr. Fitzgerald £5, and dismissed the summons against Mr. Smith-Hay, with £5 costs. In regard to the police charge, the doctor would have the benefit of the doubt, and that would be withdrawn.

The Marquis of Salisbury and Viscount Cranborne arrived at Hatfield yesterday, and will remain there until June 10.

The funeral took place at Woking yesterday of Mr. J. R. Kemp, a well-known London medical practitioner, of Jermyn-st., St. James's, who died, after a brief illness, of pneumonia.

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THE KING AND THE GUARDS.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS.

The Horse Guards Parade ground has been the scene of many a brilliant spectacle, but never of one more resplendent than that of Friday morning, when the King presented colours to the 3rd Scots Guards, and afterwards witnessed the truly English pageant—the trooping of the colour. Of the troops to take active part in the brilliant scene, the Scots Guards, four companies strong, were the first to arrive; but scarcely had they taken their position on what was to be the right of the line before the Irish Guards swung upon the ground their blue-green plumes (St. Patrick's blue), adding an unfamiliar touch of colour to this year's spectacle. Next came the Grenadiers, brought in by their drums, their famous band entering the ground from Whitehall, whereas the two companies entered from the Mall. Then the Coldstreamers arrived, and, lastly, a troop each of the 1st and 2nd Life Guards, headed by their band. By the time these had taken position, the parade ground was a mass of dazzling colours, a veritable

FIELD OF THE CLOTH OF GOLD.

Against the Treasury the massed bands, to the right the Life Guards, their cuirasses splintering the brilliant sunshine, along the Park the solid ranks of the Foot Guards, and round the whole the sturdy row of sentries, and all the time the sun shining brilliantly. It only remained for the King to arrive with his cortege and the foreign military Attachés to complete the picture. A few minutes before 11 o'clock a cheer from the crowd in Whitehall announced the arrival of the Queen, and soon her charming face was seen smiling upon the multitude from a window of the Horse Guards. Promptly on the stroke of eleven a great roar of cheering broke from the packed people in the Mall, and mounted upon a splendid charger,

THE KING STEPPED UPON THE PARADE

and slowly made his way, following the line of sentries, to a position immediately in front of the Horse Guards entrance, where, having paused, he was greeted with the Royal salute from the bands massed to his right. Behind him came Sir F. Stephenson (Coldstream Guards), the Duke of Connaught (Scots Guards), Earl Roberts (Irish Guards), and these were followed by many Guards officers and the foreign military Attachés. The Royal salute finished, his Majesty carefully inspected the line, during which the band played "Im Lenz" and "Freiwillige Vor!" Inspection finished, the time had arrived for the principal feature of the gorgeous spectacle,

THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLOURS,

to the last-formed battalion of Scots Guards. Before the massed bands the drums of the Scots Guards had been piled, the bass drum forming the apex of the pyramid, and leaning against these were the colours, as yet unfolded to the gaze of the men. The King and cortège now grouped at the saluting point close to these colours, and while the band sung, to the accompaniment of a few instruments, Hymn 390 A.M. (Sullivan's tune), the colours were carefully unfurled, and again placed leaning against the drums. After prayers the colours were placed into the hands of the King, and his Majesty delivered them into the keeping of two officers of the battalion, who

RECEIVED THEM KNEELING.

His Majesty then, in a few words, addressed the recipients and the colonel of the battalion, and the latter replied, assuring his Majesty that the colours would be for ever a sacred possession of the regiment. Then to the sound of the General Salute the colours, bravely waving in the strong breeze, were thrown to the battalion, whose duty it will be to defend them to the last, and this done the colours were marched across the ground to the Admiralty side of the parade, there to be trooped. During the trooping the Guards marched in the style that has ever been theirs, stepping out grandly, keeping accurate time and excellent line, and altogether the pageant passed off with precision and great beauty. On leaving the ground his Majesty met with a reception that set all the windows in that part of London a-clatter to the sound of cheering.

HIS MAJESTY'S SPEECH.

The King, in presenting the colours, made the following speech:—Col. Dalrymple-Hamilton, it had been the wish of the ever-lamented Queen Victoria, my beloved mother, to have personally presented these colours to your battalion, but that was not to be. But I, in her name as well as in my own, entrust them to your care on this day, the anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday. I need not allude to the glorious traditions of your regiment which are so well known and inscribed on your colours. I feel fully confident that in giving these colours into your hands you will uphold the honour and glory of your Sovereign and country as in the days of yore, and that in days to come it will not be forgotten how the 3rd Battalion first received its colours on this occasion. To you especially, Col. Dalrymple-Hamilton, who have so recently returned from active service, and, alas! suffered so much, I have great pleasure in presenting these colours, and congratulate you on commanding so smart a battalion.

THE COLONEL'S REPLY.

Col. Dalrymple-Hamilton, in reply, said:—"In the name of the 3rd Battalion Scots Guards I have the honour to tender to your Majesty, our Colonel-in-Chief and our King, our most loyal and grateful thanks for the great honour which your Majesty has conferred upon us on this occasion by presenting personally to us these colours on which are recorded the services of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment. It will be our bounden duty to keep up the proud traditions and emulate their gallantry, and to defend with our lives these colours which your Majesty has on this occasion so graciously presented to us."

The will and codicil of Mr. Rowland Smith, M.P. for S. Derbyshire, 1868-74, of 131, Queen's-gate, Driffield Hall, Derby, and Kingswear, have been proved, the value of the estate being £369,437 4s. 8d.

INDIGESTION.—"A Bottle of Gold" and be that can use it aright is More a God than a man."—THE BROWN AND TAN THIAL.—Headache and Disordered Stomach.—" After suffering for nearly two and a half years from severe headache and disordered stomach, and after trying almost everything, and spending much money, without finding any benefit, I was recommended by a friend to try Zox's 'Fruit Salt,' and before I had finished one bottle I found it doing me a great deal of good, and now I am restored to my normal health; and others I know that have tried it have not enjoyed such good health for years.—Yours truly, Veritas."—[Advt.]

A FATHER'S AWFUL CRIME.

FIVE CHILDREN SHOT DEAD.

THE MURDERER'S STRANGE PROCEEDINGS.

At Woolwich, before Mr. D'Eyncourt, Thos. Butler Cole Butler, 43, a grmr.-sergt. in the A.S.C., of 63, Charlton-lane, Charlton, was charged by Insp. Sara with the wilful murder of his five children, namely, Gladys, aged 12; Hilda, aged 10; Grace, aged eight; Eric, aged four; and Vera, aged two, by shooting them with a revolver, at 63, Charlton-lane. He was further charged with feloniously wounding his daughter Lily, aged 13, with intent to murder.—Insp. Sara said that about 10 o'clock on Sunday night he saw prisoner at the police-station and said to him, "I must charge you with the wilful murder of your five children and the attempted murder of your daughter Lily, who now lies in the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich," adding that he had seen the bodies of the five children at the house. Prisoner replied, "You have made a mistake. It is my daughter Gladys who is at Greenwich Hospital. Lily is dead." After a short pause he said, "You are correct with the names."

THE PRISONER.

PRISONER'S ONLY GRIEF.

The charge was read over to prisoner who replied, "I only grieve that this daughter (meaning Lily) suffered for a moment. In the other cases death was instantaneous and they had no suffering." A revolver found in the house was now in Court.—In answer to the magistrate, prisoner said, "I have no questions to ask; the inspector's statement is absolutely correct."—Mr. D'Eyncourt remanded prisoner for eight days and directed that he should be seen by a doctor.

STORY OF BUTLER AND HIS CRIME.

Butler is stated to be the second son of the claimant to the dormant Cahar barony, who a few years ago summoned him for libel at Woolwich Police Court. Butler at that time was stationed at Woolwich. His wife and children have lived at Charlton for 2½ years, he himself having spent a year of that time at Dover. A few weeks ago he was, at his own request, transferred to Woolwich to be near his wife. On Sunday night he sent his wife to ask a neighbour to spend the evening, and whilst she was out he

SHOT THE SIX CHILDREN.

The eldest, named Lily, received the bullet wound in the region of the heart, the ball coming out at the back, and she is now lying in the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, where hopes are entertained of her ultimate recovery. All the other children were shot behind the ear. The weapon with which the murder was committed was taken by the police to Mr. Granville, an expert in arms and ammunition at Woolwich, who stated that it is known as Tranter's frontier revolver. It has six chambers, with a bore of .45, the weight of the ball being 225 grains, and the charge of powder 13 grains.

SCENE OF THE MURDER.

INQUEST ON THE VICTIMS.

A SENSATIONAL DECLARATION.

In St. Alphege Mission Hall, Greenwich, Mr. Wood, opened the inquest on the murdered children. Accused man was present in court in custody of two warders, and appeared just as indifferent to his position as he did in the dock at Woolwich.

THE MOTHER'S EVIDENCE.

—The first witness called was Mrs. Sarah Lilian Butler, wife of the accused, and mother of the murdered children. She appeared in a fainting condition, and before her evidence had been concluded had to be assisted outside in a fainting condition. She stated that she had not seen the bodies of her children, and could not look at them.—Coroner: I'm sure we all sympathise with you.—Witness, continuing her evidence, said her husband had been

VERY STRANGE IN HIS CONDUCT

for some time past. He always seemed very fond of the children. He had threatened them once, however, but that was some time ago. Going on to detail what happened on Sunday evening, witness said about six o'clock she put the four younger children to bed. Afterwards her husband requested her to change her dress, and she went upstairs to do so. When she came down the two elder children were with their father, who was smoking in the kitchen. At his request she went to No. 13, Charlton-lane to invite Mr. and Mrs. Pye up to the house. Just as witness reached the house of Mrs. Pye her daughter Lily came running up, and appeared to be ill. Witness did not notice Lily was injured.—It was at this juncture that the witness was carried out in a fainting condition. —Accused here, as he did several times during the inquiry, asked leave to put a question, but on this occasion was told by the Coroner to wait.

STRANGE AND PALE.

—Mrs. Kate Pye, wife of a carpenter, living at 13, Charlton-lane, said on Sunday evening about half-past six she heard a knock at the door, and on going down to open it found Mrs. Butler and the daughter Lily, who seemed to have been greatly frightened. A neighbour came up, and leaving Mrs. Butler and Lily in her charge, went to Mrs. Butler's house. There she saw accused coming out of the front gate. He looked strange and pale. Witness said to him, "Your child is ill. Shall I fetch a doctor?"—Coroner: You referred to Lily, of course?—Witness. Yes.

A GRUESOME REPLY.

—Coroner: The reply you received was—— Witness: How did she escape. I thought I had six corpses. (Sensation.) Witness said she did not understand what he meant. Later she heard what had happened.—Accused here rose in his seat, and said he wished to correct the witness.—Coroner: What did you say?—Accused: I said I thought I had six carcases. (Sensation.) It's as well to be correct in these matters, you know. Besides, she hasn't told you she saw me on Saturday at midnight. You, Mr. Coroner, have not had a full statement of fact. There is a combination of this woman and my wife to

SAVE ME FROM THE GALLOWS

by making out I am strange in my manner.—Witness, in reply to the coroner, said she did see accused on Saturday night. He came to ask her husband if it was he who spoke to his wife, and said if he found she had told a lie, he was going to leave her.—P.C. Land deposed to being called, and seeing Mr. Butler standing on his front step. Witness said, "Do you want me?" He said, "Yes; I've been waiting half-an-hour for you. I have murdered my six little ones; come inside and see them." Then Sergeant Pullen and some other officers came up, and took prisoner into custody. Witness added that accused appeared perfectly calm, and when witness first saw him on the front step

HE WAS SMOKING HIS PIPE.

—Accused (to witness): Did I appear at all agitated or strange in manner? —You did not.—P.S. Pullen said he arrested accused on suspicion of murdering the five children.—Coroner:

Opening in fence through which one of the children escaped.

What did he say?—Witness: He said, "There is no suspicion about the matter. It is quite clear." On the way to the police station, he said, "I extremely regret I should have caused pain to one of my children for a moment. With the others it was instantaneous."—Accused was sworn. He said he was a quartermaster-sergeant in the A.S.C., and then went on, "I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I

DID WILFULLY MURDER

four of my daughters and one son, and did also intend to murder my eldest daughter, aged 13 years."—Coroner: Anything else? No; after premeditation, you may say, likewise due deliberation.—Accused here walked up and signed the declaration amid great sensation.—This concluded the hearing, and, the coroner having commented on the sad nature of the case, the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against the father in each case. —Outside the court hundreds of people had assembled to witness accused's removal to Holloway, and the police could only with difficulty keep the way clear for him to get to the cab which was in waiting.

LETTER FROM BUTLER.

The following letter has been received at Dover from Qmr.-sergt. Butler:—"Hollaway Prison, May 23, 1901. —"My dear ——,—I rather expected to hear from you before this. If you do not mind writing me here, I should very much like to receive a letter from you with all the news. When did this affair of mine first reach you, and how was it received? It must have given all a great shock for the moment. I guess you would have sooner expected to hear that the war in South Africa had terminated, would you not? From the Press reports I have read, no motive has yet been assigned, but there was a motive, you may be sure; the very best of motives in this instance, which knowing me as you do you will readily believe, I am sure. I shall write a full confession before my final retirement from this world, which will be published. I have one of the very best of notions for that also, which will reveal itself later, or I would have gone with my dear children at the same time. I had plenty of cartridges left, but that would have defeated my well-matured object. However, reunion will not be long. I am quite happy and at peace. I am treated with great consideration by the police both at Woolwich and here. Well, bye-bye, for present.—Yours, very truly, T.B.C. Butler."

FUNERAL OF THE VICTIMS.

The five little victims were buried on Friday at Charlton Cemetery. The funeral started from the residence of Mrs. Pye, whom Mrs. Butler was visiting when the terrible occurance took place, and with whom the bereaved woman has since been staying. Charlton-lane, the scene of the tragedy, was crowded, and fully 10,000 people lined the route to the cemetery, which was about a mile long. The cortege, which was a pathetic spectacle, was

HEADED BY TWO HEARSES,

the first conveying two, and the second three coffins. As the tiny coffins were carried along the path to the grave it was noticed that a large number of people were in tears. A special service was read by the Revs. H. Douglas Hamilton and P. C. Scott, of St. Paul's, Charlton, and the mourners included the mother and Butler's elder brother. A large number of wreaths were sent, among them being one from deceased's schoolfellows, and others from the Army Service Corps, which was also represented at the sad ceremony. All five children were interred in one grave.

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IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF LORDS.

MONDAY.

INCREASE OF BETTING.

The Bishop of Hereford moved for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the increase of public betting among all classes, and consider whether further legislation on the subject was possible and expedient.—Lord Aberdeen, the Bishop of London, and the Primate supported the motion.—Lord Salisbury, while admitting that his sympathies lay with the wishes of the proposer, gave it as his opinion that the investigation was not likely to meet with any success, and that the remedies suggested would produce great injustice and great social conflicts. If the motion was persisted with, he was not prepared to oppose it, but the Government, he declared, would not undertake to place the recommendations of the committee on the Statute Book.—The resolution was agreed to.—At the instance of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bill authorising the creation of a bishopric of Southwark was read a second time.

TUESDAY.

THE CHINESE PROBLEM.

Asked by Earl Spencer for information regarding China, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs made a statement covering the whole ground of the Far Eastern problems. His tone was, on the whole, circumstances considered, optimistic. The Chinese, he said, had either executed, or punished in other ways, the chief instigators of the Boxer outrages, and retributive penalties had been demanded for a hundred guilty provincial officials. A total indemnity of 450,000,000 taels had been required, and the matter was now under discussion. His Majesty's Government had proposed that the debt should be redeemed by bonds, extinguishable in a term of years by payment of principal and interest, and served by a lien on certain sources of Chinese revenue, the yield from which, they suggested, should be transferred to a board or council, whose business it would be to receive the money and distribute it to the credit of the Powers. He hoped that the dispute as to the Tientsin railway siding would soon be submitted to "legal investigation." With regard to the Elliot Islands, we had refused to respond to the protest of the Russian Admiral, as treaty rights gave us access to the group.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY.

THE RE-ORGANISED YEOMANRY.

Questions were asked as to the establishment of some permanent military associations between Great Britain and the Colonies, either by naming regiments in this country after those dependencies which sent contingents to S. Africa, or by raising Colonial corps for Imperial service. —Inquirers were told that it was hoped to set up such a bond by means of the re-organised Yeomanry.

TUESDAY.

THE BUDGET.

Viscount Cranborne made a statement on affairs in China similar to that of his chief in the Upper Chamber, but with the additional information that an apology had been tendered by the Germans for firing at a tug and lighter flying the British flag on the river at Tientsin.—Mr. Brodrick was able to assure Mr. Bartley that a story about a Boer prisoner having been shot dead by a British sentry at St. Helena, which appeared in "The Review of Reviews, was a untrue and mischievous." "Like others persistently disseminated by this journal."—Sir T. Wrightson, Sir R. Reid, Mr. Hanbury, Sir J. Pease, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Alfred Thomas, Col. Milward, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, and Mr. Balfour contributed to the further debate on Sir H. Fowler's amendment to the second reading of the Finance Bill, which was eventually defeated by a majority of 177.

WEDNESDAY.

THE ALLOTMENT SYSTEM IN IRELAND.

The sitting was taken up with the discussion of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill, the second reading of which was moved by Mr. Farrell, who said that the measure aimed at extending the English allotment system to Ireland, bringing all classes of workmen within the purview of the law, and making the Sub-Land Commissioners the court of appeal against provisional orders instead of the Privy Council. The Irish Attorney-General said that the Government were unable to accept the bill, and the motion was rejected by 223 to 127.

THURSDAY.

DERBY DAY.

Mr. Balfour moved that the House should adjourn till Thursday, June 6.—Sir B. Gurdon, in the interests of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, put forward an amendment in favour of re-assembling a day earlier, and he found a doughty champion of his cause in the Leader of the Opposition, who denounced the Epsom festival as an "exploded and discredited holiday." This amendment having been lost by 196 to 108, Mr. Norman raised the question of the ammunition reserve, and other members asked for information on a variety of topics, which was supplied by Mr. Brodrick. A somewhat stormy episode was introduced by Mr. McKenna, who drew attention to the appointment of a Birmingham doctor as an inspector of schools. Mr. Chamberlain construed his speech as an insinuation, and hotly repudiated the suggestions which it appeared to contain. The motion was eventually carried without a division, and the House proceeded to consider the second reading of the Finance Bill, which was agreed to by a majority of 104.

FRIDAY.

DEMISE OF THE CROWN BILL.

The Civil List Bill passed its second reading by 149 to 38, the Irish members challenging a division. The Committee stage of the Demise of the Crown Bill was then taken.—Mr. Dillon moved an amendment restricting the protection given by the measure to officers of the Crown serving outside this country. It was rejected by 152 to 84. Clause 1 was agreed to by 157 to 80, and the Bill was reported to the House.—The Army Estimates were afterwards considered in Committee of Supply, when Mr. Brodrick vigorously defended the Government's policy with regard to the refugee camps in South Africa.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A BAPTIST MINISTER.

At Greenwich, Mr. Scard mentioned the case of Vanstone v. Lewis, which, he said, his worship would remember, was adjourned for a week. It was a case in which a Baptist minister was concerned. An action for slander had now been commenced, as suggested by Mr. D'Eyncourt, and it had been arranged that application should be made for an adjournment of the summons for assault sine die until after the trial of the action.—Mr. D'Eyncourt said the course that had been adopted was by far the most desirable one, as he could not go outside the issue tried at that court, although in cross-examination Mr. Scard might have asked a great many questions which he could not call evidence upon except so far as it was material to the action. He adjourned the summons sine die, as desired.

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Of the courage that stayed through Agincourt,
Of the calm of our own Black Prince;
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It was only the day before that day
When Victoria was born,
The Queen whom our sons will know for aye.
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That the news came into London town,
How on the Solent's wave
Her son, the King who wears her crown,
Faced Death and still stood brave.
Our brothers, far across the sea
Who hear the gladsome tale,
Of how the monarch of Britain free
Stood through the spring-tide gale,
Will act as sportsmen, as brothers true,
And by all men 'twill be seen
That at heart, one family are we
In the danger that might have been.
Might well have been, for the risk is great
When the mast breaks short by the stem
On a racing cutter—a second late,
And the crew—well, what of them?
The waves that lap, or wildly rage
Around a staggering wreck,
Show little respect for rank or age,
For anyone on the deck.
But, if any say that the place was ill
For a monarch to occupy,
Then, though only a woman, and weak, yet still
I give that man the lie!
For as long as the Empire shall hold sway,
Our King may best find ease
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By order of the said Principal Secretary,

(25.) E. W. D. WARD.

War Office, May, 1901.

re MARY WARREN Deceased

Pursuant to the Act of Parliament 22nd and 23rd Victoria chapter 35 intituled "An act to further amend the law of property and to relieve trustees."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and other persons having any claim or demand against the estate of MARY WARREN late of the Asylum of Hanwell Asylum previously of 53 Ackling-street Hoxton and previously of Victoria-road Wimbledon Park and Spinner-street deceased who died on the 29th day of January 1901 and letters of administration were on the 23rd day of April 1901 granted by the Principal Probate Registry of His Majesty's Court of Justice to ADELINA JANE WARREN are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to us the undersigned the solicitors to the said administratrix on or before the 1st day of July next after which time the said administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said M. M. Warren deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims or demands of which she has then had notice and that she will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased to any person or persons of whose claims or demands she shall not have had notice.

Dated this 23rd day of May 1901.

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PURSUANT

TO AN ORDER of the CHANCERY DIVISION of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE made in the matter of the Estate of SUSAN PRIMER late of Corner's Barrn (1901 P. No 267 HARRIET CREED (wife of Frederick Creed formerly of Moorborn in the County of London grocer) and the children and JANE WHITTINGHAM (the wife of Thomas Whittingham formerly of Sandridge in the county of London haircreser) of the said deceased children claiming to be Next-of-Kin according to the Statute for the Distribution of Intestates' Estates of SUSAN PRIMER late of Corner's Walk Southampton in the County of the said town who died on the 22nd day of March 1900 living at the time of her death are by their personal representatives of such of the said Next-of-Kin as are dead or any of them or by themselves or their solicitors to enter their claims in writing hereof for that purpose and also on or before the 15th day of June 1901 to come in and prove their claims at the chambers of Mr. Justice Joyce and Mr. Justice Farwell at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand London Bloom Bury or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of any order to be made in the before-mentioned action and dated the 21st day of June 1901 at 12 o'clock noon at the said chambers is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the said claims.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. YORKSHIRE.

Drawn.

When play ceased at Cambridge on Friday evening, an innings had been completed on each side, with an advantage to the University of 39 runs. So little progress having been made up to this point, it did not seem at all likely that a definite issue would be arrived at, but on going in a second time, Cambridge fared so badly against the slow bowling of Haigh and Wainwright that the side were all out for 121. The innings closed at the fall of the ninth wicket, Johnson, through an injury, being unable to bat. Yorkshire were left with 161 runs to get to win, and so far as time and forty minutes remained for play when the County went in it seemed highly probable that the County would be able to obtain the number in the time. A bad start was made, Tunnicliffe and Denton being out for 16, but on coming together, Brown and Taylor batted freely and well, and runs came at a good pace. Once they had got their length, however, Dowson and Wilson bowled so steadily that the batsmen found it hard work to get the ball away. When five o'clock—the hour at which it had been agreed to draw stumps—arrived, Yorkshire still wanted 94, and as there seemed little chance of the runs being obtained in fifteen minutes, stumps were pulled up, and the match left drawn. Full scores:—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A. E. Harper, b Haigh	29	c Higgins, b Haigh	6
H. K. Longman, c Smith, b Haigh	0	b Haigh	0
Wainwright	120	b Haigh	16
S. H. Day, c Smith, b Brown	16	b Wainwright	0
R. H. Wilson, c Haigh, b Brown	0	c Wainwright, b Haigh	0
Brown	0	b Wainwright	0
H. E. R. Phelps, c Smith, b Haigh	25	b Wainwright	0
F. Jackson, c Haigh, b Brown	0	b Haigh	11
F. C. Thomson, run out	38	b Haigh	0
F. C. Higgins, c Haigh, b Brown	0		
H. Johnson, not out	19	stmp t, hurt	0
R. M. Owen, run out	0	b Wainwright	0
A. E. Hind, not out	7	not out	14
H. Howard-Smith, b Wainwright	0		
Wright	0	b Brown	0
W. A. Scott, b Wainwright	0	b Haigh	0
Extras	24	Extras	25
Total	355	Total	121

YORKSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Tunnicliffe, c Hobar, b Hind	0	c Longman, b Johnson	8
Denton, c Robinson, b Hind	0	c Howard-Smith, b Hind	0
Hirst	27	c Hind, b Johnson	1
Brown, c Dowson	77	not out	39
F. W. Taylor, c & b Dowson	72	not out	30
J. Tunnicliffe, c & b Howard-Smith	0		
Wainwright, c & b Howard-Smith	23		
Lord Hawke, not out	0		
Wilson, c & b Johnson	0		
Haigh, c Hind, b Wilson	0		
Dowson, b Johnson	0		
Smith, b Johnson	0		
Hirst, c Robinson, b Johnson	0		
Extras	7	Extras	7
Total	226	Total	122

LANCASHIRE.—First Innings.

Ward, c Simpson-Hayward, b Jackson 1
H. G. Garnett, b Pearson 1
Tyldesley, c Straw, b Pearson 17
Hon. A. Hood, b Pearson 0
Cuttell, b Pearson 0
A. Preston, c Hoare, b Barrows 125
Sharp, c & b Simpson-Hayward, b Pearson 16
G. R. Hayley, b Wilkinson 0
Webb, b Barrows 13
Smith, not out 13
Hoole, c Foster, b Pearson 0
Extras 19
Total 64

ESSEX v. GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Drawn.

As seemed most probable after the heavy scoring that had marked Thursday and Friday's play, the match at Leyton was left drawn, stumps being pulled up about 6 p.m. The Essex second innings, in which 41 had been scored without loss, was thereby closed with the total at 226 (for three). McGahey having the distinction of making another hundred in the game. He reached 100 in less than two hours, and when the closure rule was put in force was 145 not out, having played superb cricket. Gloucestershire were set 353 to get to win—an impossible task in the time that remained at their disposal. Jessop was seen to advantage in an innings of 31, but despite his fine effort, there were five wickets down for 201 at the close. Full scores:—

ESSEX.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H. G. Owen, c Wrathall, b Hollins	13	c Kittat, b Hollins	26
Carpenter, c Sewell, b Hollins	136	c Board, b Paish	69
P. Perrin, c Cranston, b Hollins	0		
C. McGahey, c and b Strachan	111	not out	145
F. L. Fane, c and b Kittat	37	c Hopkins, b Langdon	10
A. P. Lucas, b Paish	38		
C. J. Kortright, c Sewell, b Hollins	0		
Mosher	0		
Russell, c Cranston	14		
Reeves, bye, b Hollins	12		
Beard, b Hollins	0		
Haynes, c Wrathall, b Hollins	17		
Extras	17	Extras	6
Total	415	Total	226

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Board, c and b Young	101	not out	31
Hopkins, c Russell, b Reeves	21	c Russell, b Reeves	12
C. B. Fry, c & b Perrin	6	c Russell, b Reeves	12
Reeves	7	c Carpenter, b Reeves	0
Wrathall, b Reeves	0	c Kortright, b Young	0
Hale, not out	37	b Kortright	0
A. A. P. Kittat, lbw, b Reeves	14	b Kortright	0
G. L. Jessop, st Russell, b Young	16	c and b Young	6
Langdon, c Russell, b Reeves	0	not out	5
A. G. Richardson, c Reeves, b Young	0		
Huggins, b Reeves	0		
Hollins, c Russell, b Young	10		
Extras	10	Extras	1
Total	225	Total	101

HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE v. BUTTERFLIES.

The annual match between these teams was played on the ground of the Household Brigade, Burton Court, Chelsea, and resulted in a win for the home team by 198 runs. The chief feature of the game was the fine batting of Lieut. Hon. C. B. Gordon-Lennox, who by fine and vigorous play sent up a splendid score of 109 runs. The full scores were:—

Household Brigade: C. K. Hutchison, 9; Hon. B. C. Gordon-Lennox, 109; C. V. Fisher, 0